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THE NEWS CONDENSED.

Cork market booming.

Cash wheat, No. 2 red, $1.01½; cash corn, No. 2 mixed, 29¾c; cash cotton, 6½c.

FOREIGN.—A Ministerial statement regarding England's policy in China has been promised by the Foreign Office before Easter. The Russian flag was hoisted at Port Arthur and Ta-lien-wan on the withdrawal of the Chinese. A French family of six persons was murdered by a robber named Cailliard. The German Naval bill was adopted in the Reichstag. W. S. Gilbert's libel suit against The Era was tried in London. Sir Henry Irving was not allowed to testify for the defense. Mr. Gladstone, it is said, expressed himself as thankful when told by his physicians that he has but a short time to live.—Page 9.

A message from the President, transmitting the Maine inquiry report, was read in both houses of Congress yesterday. In the Senate the report was also read, and the testimony submitted. Both halls and the corridors of the Capitol were crowded; nearly every legislator was in his place. The finding in the Maine case was that the battleship had been blown up by a powerful submarine mine placed near her keel; the explosion of two or more magazines followed. Officers and men of the ship were completely freed from blame. The report said that no testimony had been introduced pointing to the guilty person or persons. The President's message was a plain statement of known facts concerning the disaster. In it no action was advised. In the House the message was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs; in the Senate the report and testimony, together with the message, were referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. Senator Money made a speech on the Cuban question. Both houses finally adjourned out of respect to the late Representative Simpkins of Massachusetts.—Pages 1, 2, and 3.

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Anton Seidl, the famous orchestra leader, died suddenly last night at the house of F. Bernstein, his business manager. It is thought death was caused by ptomaine poisoning, due to fish which he ate for luncheon.

Such information as was obtainable yesterday in Washington indicated the satisfactory progress of negotiations between this country and Spain with reference to the Cuban matter. It was reported that a note sent by the United States to Spain had received a most favorable answer, which greatly pleased the President and Cabinet. Moreover, it was said that Spain was glad to have the United States carry on relief work in Cuba and even extend it. It is believed in Washington that Spain's reply has made the way clear for the President's message to-day.

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Supplies are opuring in upon the Cuban Central Relief Committee here in increasing volume and more satisfactory variety.

Work in connection with the organization of the National Volunteer Reserve was being pushed rapidly yesterday. Many letters and telegrams of approval were received from all parts of the country.

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The demand for marine war insurance fell off yesterday.

Two squads of recruits for the navy came from Southern ports yesterday and were sent to the navy yard.

Mrs. Almerio Paget had a narrow escape from injury in a runaway in which her footman was badly hurt.

The body of a woman, well dressed, and bearing wounds inflicted before it entered the water, was found on the beach at Bowery Bay.

The Salem (Ohio) Wire Nail Company has entered the Wire Trust, which General Manager Baackes says will begin operations on April 1.

Mrs. Elizabeth Van Name of West New Brighton, Richmond, died yesterday, and hydrophobia was given as the cause. She was bitten twenty-eight times by a dog on February 7.

At the inquiry into the sanity of Mrs. Harriet Beach-Rogers yesterday, Stanley Beach, a grandson, testified that he had opened and read letters written to the woman by Dr. Henry R. Rogers, her present husband.

The report that President McKinley had opened negotiations with Spain for an armistice during the rainy season threw the Cubans in this city into consternation. Horatio Rubens said the insurgents would never consent to an armistice, and that to enforce it, this country would have to land a force against them. Gen. Palma left for Washington for a conference with the President, it was reported.

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The Auxiliary Board has rejected a number of good ships because their owners ran the prices up to a fabulous figure.

Hamburg, the colt for which $60,000 is said to have been paid, is to be entered for races in England this season under the colors of Sir Broderick Cloete.

It was said at the navy yard that the hull of the battleship Texas was not injured in her contact with a coral reef. The accident occurred over a month ago. The yard is now busier than for twenty years.

Stocks bounded upward yesterday in Wall Street as a result of last week's overselling and the supposedly more peaceful aspect of affairs at Washington and Madrid. The bulls had complete control of the market, and the bears were in a panic.

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A fusion State ticket under the name of the People's - Democratic - Silver Republican Party has been completed in Oregon and nominations made.

The Executive Committee of the Citizens' Union continued the Committee of Fifty on Rapid Transit last night, with instructions to promote the underground plan.

The jury in the suit of H. J. Patterson against Fitzsimmons, the pugilist, for damages for alleged assault, tried in White Plains yesterday, failed to agree.

A committee and members of the Merchants and Manufacturers' Board of Trade, headed by C. C. Shayne, will appear this week before Gov. Black to urge him to sign the Guy bill relating to honest advertising.

M. F. Scheiderup, an insurance solicitor, was shot and killed in presence of a crowd of theatre goers in Seattle yesterday by E. M. Bradley, a contractor. Scheiderup was waiting for one of Bradley's daughters, with whom he was going to a concert.

Justice W. W. Goodrich of the Supreme Court delivered a lecture in Brooklyn last night in which he said that Spain was responsible to our Government for the loss of the Maine. If an official destroyed her that was of itself war. If a private citizen did it, reparation must be made.

Some apprehension has been aroused at Albany among the friends of primary reform by the announcement made in the San Francisco correspondence of THE NEW YORK TIMES that the new California primary law has been declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court of that State.

At the regular monthly meeting held in Hardman Hall last night the Republicans of the County of New York adopted resolutions indorsing the Primary bill, and started preparations for the enrollment demanded by it. A digest of the bill by W. H. Kenyon was ordered printed for distribution.

The Battalion of the East of the New Jersey Naval Militia will furnish a detail, by order of the Navy Department, to transport the monitor Montauk from Philadelphia to Portland, Me. A detail of men for the Portsmouth with a howitzer was precipitated into the river while hauling the gun along a board walk to the boat. No one was drowned.

In the State Senate last night Senator Grady's bill extending the operation of the Black civil service law to this city was withdrawn. It is said that Mr. Grady knew it could not pass, and that Mr. Platt has given orders that the passage of all civil service measures is to be prevented. The Pavey resolution to permit federal ownership of the canals is dead. What is known as the "Savage Gun Committee" has been revived by a bill appropriating $300,000 to purchase weapons of that pattern.

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The Professional Woman's League is preparing to give a minstrel show, with vaudeville attractive features, about April 18.

Miss Louise Imo recital of the season

took place at the home of Mrs. Henry C. Valentine, 15 East Thirty-sixth Street, yesterday afternoon.

The Rev. Anna Garlin Spencer lectured on "Modern Philanthropy and its Educational Features" at the Women's Conference of the Society for Ethical Culture yesterday.

At the Aldermanic primaries in Hoboken last night Mayor Fagan and several election officers became engaged in a lively fist fight. James White was locked up.

Walter Sanger Pullman and his bride left San Francisco last night for Chicago, the object of the journey being, it is said, to seek his mother's approval of his hastily contracted marriage.

John Addison Porter, Secretary to the President, is a candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor of Connecticut. George E. Lounsbury of Ridgefield is the candidate of the organization with which Senator Hawley is identified.

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The Consolidated Traction Company of Jersey City decided yesterday to lease its road to the North Jersey Street Railway Company.

Nelson Perry, an electrician of Brooklyn, drank poison in mistake for water while conducting an experiment in a dark room of his residence.

The will of Prosecutor C. H. Winfield of Jersey City, filed yesterday, provides that in case of the death of his widow and son the estate may go to Rutgers College.

Feather importers met yesterday and protested against the Hoar bill, introduced in the United States Senate, which prohibits the importation of dead birds, birds' skins and plumage.

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Several rulings on customs law were announced yesterday.

The hearing on the Cincinnati "cherry juice" case, involving the rate of duty to be assessed, will be continued in this city before the Board of Customs.

The New Hampshire lumber output this season is said to be the smallest for twenty years past. Paper manufacturers say that there is not enough to supply the pulp required, and that prices will have to be raised.

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A hearing was held by Mayor Van Wyck yesterday on a bill to relieve from penalties property in Long Island City which has been long in arrears for taxes.

A shortage of $538 was found yesterday in the money sent to Long Island City to pay the teachers there their February salaries; so no money was paid out.

A physician notified the Coroners' office yesterday that Mrs. Mary Ellis had died from ptomaine poisoning after eating an oyster stew at an east side restaurant.

The Municipal Civil Service Commission replied yesterday to the State Board's inquiry about the new rules, saying that the latter body had no authority in the matter.

The Rapid Transit Commission will meet in a few days. Charles Stewart Smith will return next week and the commission can go ahead without the Mayor or Controller.

At the inquiry in the Richardson will contest yesterday Cortes Nelson, who nursed the millionaire in his last illness, testified that he had seen Mr. Richardson examine securities which were kept in a bag in the coal cellar.

Darwin R. James, President of the New York Board of Trade and Transportation, has addressed a letter in opposition to the Caffery bill relating to increasing the powers of the Marine Hospital Service. The board has indorsed the Spooner bill.

Col. Fred D. Grant has gone to Washington with a letter from his late father, Gen. Grant, addressed "To the President of the United States," and asking a West Point cadetship for Ulysses S. Grant III., the General's grandson. Gen. Sherman indorsed the request.

Paul Bauer, alias George W. Duval, was convicted yesterday of carrying knock-out drops. On this conviction Recorder Goff sentenced him to serve ten years, and to three years on his conviction for attempting to escape from the Tombs. Extra precautions were taken to prevent the prisoner from carrying out his threats of suicide.

H. D. Ohlsen, a member of the Kings County Grand Jury which indicted Messrs. Wills, Phillips, and others in connection with the City Works scandals, committed suicide Sunday night or early yesterday morning. He was much worried by attempts which he said had been made to bribe him. He was troubled by financial difficulties also.

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FANNY DAVENPORT BETTER.

Her Physician in Chicago Thinks the Chances for Recovery Are Good.

CHICAGO, March 28.—The condition of Fanny Davenport took a decided change for the better to-day. The talented actress is still in a very precarious condition, but the symptoms are not nearly so alarming to-day as yesterday.

She is kept almost constantly under the influence of opiates, and experiences no

"I am much encouraged about Miss Davenport's condition," said Dr. MacMartin this morning. "There was a time when I thought the chances were about even for my patient's recovery or death, but now I feel that her chances for recovery are in the excess."

THE WEATHER.

The local forecast may be found at the top of this page to the right of the title.

The pressure has risen throughout the Mississippi and tributary valleys and the lake regions; it has fallen on the Atlantic Coast.

The weather is cloudy in the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts district, the lower lake region, and the Upper Ohio Valley. Rain has fallen along a narrow belt, extending from the lake regions southwestward to the mouth of the Mississippi.

The temperature has risen somewhat in the West and has fallen sharply in the lake regions, the Lower Ohio and Lower Mississippi Valleys. It remains warm along the Atlantic Coast.

Showers, followed by clearing and colder weather, are indicated for the Atlantic Coast districts and the East Gulf States, and generally fair weather in all other districts, with slowly rising temperature in the West.

The Ohio River continues to rise from Cincinnati to Cairo, and has reached a stage of 61 feet at Cincinnati.

The record of temperature for the twenty-four hours ended at midnight, taken from THE NEW YORK TIMES's thermometer and from the thermometer of the Weather Bureau is as follows:

	—Weather Bureau.— 1897.	1898.	TIMES. 1898.
3 A. M.	32	44	45
6 A. M.	31	44	46
9 A. M.	35	43	50
12 M.	40	46	59
4 P. M.	42	47	55
6 P. M.	42	47	51
9 P. M.	38	43	43
12 P. M.	36	45	46

THE TIMES's thermometer is six feet above the street level; that of the Weather Bureau is 285 feet above the street level.

Average temperatures yesterday were as follows:

Printing House Square.....50
Weather Bureau.....45
Corresponding date 1897.....37
Corresponding date for last twenty years.40

The maximum temperature yesterday was 49 degrees at 1:15 P. M.; the minimum was 42 degrees at 6:30 A. M. The humidity at 8 A. M., was .79, and at 8 P. M., .67.

Every Patron Is an Advertiser.
The patrons of the New York Central's great through trains are never tired of telling their friends about the comfort of a trip via that line; the most popular passenger line in America.—Adv.

DEATH OF ANTON SEIDL

The Famous Orchestra Leader Expires Suddenly at the Home of His Business Manager.

PROBABLY POISONED BY FISH

His Physician Thinks that What He Ate at Luncheon Caused His Fatal Illness—A Sketch of His Busy Career.

Anton Seidl, the composer, musician, and musical director, died suddenly last night at 312 East Nineteenth Street, the residence of his business manager, F. Bernstein. He was apparently in his usual health when he reached the house at 5 o'clock.

While talking to Mr. Bernstein he was taken with a fit of vomiting, and before medical help could reach him he was quite exhausted. Dr. A. V. Mascovits and Dr. Edward Wagner of the neighborhood were hastily summoned, and they ordered him undressed and put to bed. Mr. Seidl's family physician, Dr. Gustav Langmann, notified by telephone, arrived at 7 o'clock, with Mrs. Seidl.

Opiates were administered, but they gave no relief, and at 10:15 o'clock, after another attack, Mr. Seidl died in his wife's arms. Dr. Langmann made a report to the Coroners' office and obtained a permit for the removal of the body, and it was taken to Mr. Seidl's house, at 38 East Sixty-second Street, just after midnight.

The doctors in attendance believe that Mr. Seidl died of ptomain poison, and attribute his death to the fish he ate for luncheon. He ate luncheon with Mrs. Seidl at the Sixty-second Street house at 1:30 o'clock, and an hour later went down town to keep an appointment with some friends at the Vienna Cafe, Twenty-first Street and Broadway.

For luncheon he had shad roe, green peas, and mashed potatoes and a cup of custard. He ate nothing at the café, but during the two hours he was there he drank several cups of coffee.

He walked from the café to Mr. Bernstein's house and complained of feeling tired, jokingly, saying that he was not as young as he used to be. He was discussing some business matter, when he was suddenly prostrated by the fatal attack.

A special meeting of the Philharmonic Society will be called for to-day at 892 Fifth Avenue, in the home of President Hyde to take action on Mr. Seidl's death.

Anton Seidl, considered for the past few years the greatest conductor of Wagnerian opera, was born in Budapest, the capital of Hungary, in 1850. Evincing from his earliest youth great talent for music, he was at the age of twenty a thorough musician. He had mastered not only the technical part of musical study, being proficient in most of the instruments of the orchestra, but he was also well equipped theoretically, harmony being his strong point.

He realized that his sphere was too circumscribed, and resolved to go to Leipsic, where he could receive the best instruction and at the same time hear all that was worth while hearing, as that city in 1870 was the musical centre of Germany. His feelings at that time were already decidedly in sympathy with Wagner, but for the moment he stifled them and devoted himself to a course of severe classical study, working for two years with the greatest application.

Returns to His Native Place.

In 1872 he received a letter from Richter, then conducting in Budapest, asking him to return to his native city, and he eagerly took advantage of the fortunate opportunity. He spent the entire Summer of that year with the master, devoting particular attention to Wagner, but still continuing his classical studies. His main desire was to become a conductor, and to the attainment of this object his utmost energies were bent.

At the close of that Summer he requested Richter to recommend him a competent musician who could assist him in preparing the preliminary work for the performances of the "Nibelungenring," such as arranging the orchestra parts, correcting the scores and lines, or about the same line of work that Richter himself had done for Wagner in Munich. Richter's reply was:

"As far as I can see, you now know how to conduct an orchestra. If you are willing to go through the same school that I went through, by all means go to Wagner. If the right material is in you, you will succeed. God be with you."

Went Right to Baireuth.

Seidl needed no further advice. He took the first train to Baireuth. His experience there was the most profitable and the most pleasant of all he had ever enjoyed. On more than one occasion he characterized those days as the best in his life. There he not only became thoroughly familiar with the great master's own works, "not," as he explained himself, "by pedantic lessons, but through daily, constant, and intimate musical intercourse with the German genius, but also with all that was most beautiful in Beethoven, Weber, Mosart, and some of the great French composers, whom Wagner admired.

He learned in a friendly and intimately companionable manner, and the knowledge thus absorbed became indelibly fixed in his mind. His memory was naturally good, and naturally his persistent study served still further to train and develop it.

Seidl's traditions in regard to Wagner's own works have seldom, if ever, been impeached or even questioned, for having derived them from the master himself, they were considered beyond criticism. His theories with respect to the interpretation of Beethoven, though in many ways diverging from the old and deep-rooted traditions, were also regarded as authoritative and were followed by many celebrated conductors, including Richter, Levy, Mottl, and Sucher.

At Work on the Scores.

The particular labors assigned to Seidl at Bayreuth included teaching the parts to the singers and copying himself all the scores, and no doubt the latter fact accounts for his wonderfully accurate knowledge of all the details in music. During the performances of 1876 he, in company with Mottl and Fischer, assisted in the musical management of the whole. His ability as a conductor was readily recognized by Wagner, who held him in readiness to serve as a substitute for Richter, in the possible event of Richter's illness.

Prior to these historic performances at Bayreuth Seidl accompanied Wagner to Berlin, Vienna, and Buda-Pesth, in each of which cities separate works of the "Nibelungenring" were performed. The year following, 1877, he also went with Wagner to London and lent material assistance in the arrangement for the concerts given in Albert Hall. A year later found him back again in Leipsic, where the first "Nibelungen" representations were being given under the leadership of Sucher, directly representing Wagner with especial regard to the studies of the singers and the settling of the whole.

In the Winter of the same year he went, at the master's request, to Vienna, bearing the celebrated letter to Director Jauner of the Imperial Opera, in which Wagner says: "Unable to come myself, I send to you my 'Nibelungen aide de camp,' Seidl, who fully represents my wishes in every detail." The young conductor scored a tremendous success in that city, arousing more enthusiasm for Wagnerian opera than had ever been shown before by the Viennese, whose prejudice in favor of light opera, and especially of the Italian and French schools, was by no means easy to overcome.

First Conductor in Leipsic.

The Summer of 1879 found Seidl appointed as first conductor in Leipsic, where he produced, along with many other operas, "Tristan und Isolde," theretofore only given once or twice in Munich and Berlin. He kept, however, his connection with Baireuth and made frequent visits there.

On one of these occasions Frau Wagner gave him the score of a student-work of her husband's, an overture in C major. The parts were copied with great secrecy, and Seidl conducted it at one of the concerts in the old Baireuth Stadt Theater. Wagner was sitting with his wife in one of the boxes, and listened intently to the piece. Every few moments he would turn to his wife and say:

"What in thunder is this music? I've heard it somewhere before. It seems very familiar." She merely shrugged her shoulders and smiled. Not until the very end, when a daring fughetta appeared, did the master realise that he was listening to one of his early works.

At the conclusion of his engagement in Leipsic Seidl went with Angelo Neumann's traveling "Nibelungen" troupe through nearly all of the European countries, including Germany, Holland, Russia, and Italy, and when the tour came to an end he accepted the post of conductor at Bremen.

His Coming to New York.

In 1885 Director Stanton of the Metropolitan Opera House called Seidl to New York, and with his first appearance here his brilliant artistic career began. Not only did he conduct with unprecedented success the operatic performances at the Opera House, but he did his best to arouse the general interest of the public in classic music, and his popular concerts, inaugurated some years ago at Brighton Beach, met with the greatest artistic as well as financial success. Seidl became the rage.

A large musical society in Brooklyn was organized and named after him in recognition of his services to promote the appreciation of high-class music in that city.

When Theodore Thomas severed his connection with the Philharmonic Society Seidl became its leader. He recently refused a call to the Royal Opera in Berlin.

The offer was made to him for a term of years, but he preferred to remain in this country, where his greatest triumphs had been achieved. He only recently returned from London, where he conducted the Covent Garden opera during the past season. He was to conduct the opera in this city for the season of 1898-9, and his death leaves a gap that will be most difficult to fill.

At the time of his death he was conducting the Waldorf-Astoria concerts, and was to have been selected as the director of the permanent orchestra, for the maintenance of which a society was recently organized and subscriptions solicited.

He leaves a wife, but no children.

SPAIN'S MAINE REPORT.

Synopsis of the Document in Washington—No Evidence of an External Explosion, It Says.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—A synopsis of the report of the Spanish Naval Commission which investigated the destruction of the battleship Maine has been received from Havana. It is taken from a copy of the original report, which is now on its way here from Havana, the synopsis being cabled in the meantime and to-day placed in the hands of this Government. The conclusions reached are directly opposite to those in the report of the Court of Inquiry submitted to Congress to-day. The synopsis is as follows:

"The report contains declarations made by ocular witnesses and experts. From these statements it clearly deduces and proves the absence of all those attendant circumstances which are invariably present on the occasion of the explosion of a torpedo.

"The evidence of witnesses comparatively close to the Maine at the moment is to the effect that only one explosion occurred; that no column of water was thrown in the air; that no shock to the side of the nearest vessel was felt, nor on land was any vibration noticed, and that no dead fish were found.

"The evidence of the senior pilot of the harbor states that there is abundance of fish in the harbor, and this is corroborated by other witnesses. The Assistant Engineer of Works states that after explosions made during the execution of works in the harbor he has always found dead fish.

"The divers were unable to examine the bottom of the Maine, which was buried in the mud, but a careful examination of the sides of the vessel, the rents and breaks in which all point outward, shows without a doubt that the explosion was from the inside.

"A minute examination of the bottom of the harbor around the vessel shows absolutely no sign of the action of a torpedo, and the Fiscal (Judge Advocate) of the commission can find no precedent for the explosion of the storage magazine of a vessel by a torpedo.

"The report makes clear that, owing to the special nature of the proceedings following and the absolute respect shown for the extra-territorial rights of the Maine, the commission has been prevented from making such an examination of the inside of the vessel as would determine even the hypothesis of the internal origin of the accident. This is to be attributed to the regretable refusal to permit of the necessary co-operation of the Spanish Commission both with the commander and crew of the Maine and the different American officers commissioned to investigate the causes of the accident, and later on with those employed in salvage work.

"The report finishes by stating that an examination of the inside and outside of the Maine as soon as such examination may be possible, as also of the bottom where the vessel rests will prove that, supposing the remains (of the wreck) be not totally or partially altered in the process of extraction, the explosion was undoubtedly due to some interior cause."

A WOMAN SHOT IN A HOTEL.

Whether It Is a Case of Murder or Suicide Has Not Been Decided—Identity Not Certain.

In a room of the New Amsterdam Hotel, Twenty-first Street and Fourth Avenue, a woman was found dead last night, with a bullet in her brain. The police think she was Laura Booth, an actress, thirty-five years old, of Holyoke, Mass. It has not been decided whether the case is one of suicide or murder.

The woman went to the hotel on Saturday evening with James S. Lee, who said he was manager of the Cissy Fitzgerald company. The man registered the woman as his wife. Little was seen of the couple about the house.

The body was found some time between 10 and 11 o'clock at night. Later a policeman was called in, who soon sent word to the East Twenty-second Street Station. Capt. Hasslacher took personal charge of the investigation at once. The Captain said that a bullet had entered the woman's head behind the right ear. Beside the body was a revolver.

"The wound is in such a position that the case looks uncertain," said Capt. Hasslacher. "We want to find Lee and get a statement from him. It looks to me like a murder."

No one in the hotel, so far as is known, is able to say when Lee left the hotel. He was not about when the body was found or later. Besides the detectives of the precinct, two detectives from the Central Office were working on the case early this morning.

BROOKLYN GRAND JURY WORK.

A Report that Jacob Worth, W. J. Buttling, and G. W. Harmon Will Be Investigated.

Following upon the investigation of the Brooklyn City Works Department it was reported last night that the Kings County Grand Jury will enter further into its probing of Brooklyn municipal and county affairs of the last administration by inquiring into the transactions of ex-County Clerk Jacob Worth, ex-Sheriff Buttling, and Register Granville W. Harman.

The Grand Jury, it was said, will proceed on the theory, as heretofore announced, that all the misconduct in the late Republican administration did not end with the departments already investigated.

The Grand Jury will doubtless enter upon their work very soon. No one could be found last evening who would speak with authority, but it was given out that all of the officials would not only court an investigation, but are anxious that it should begin at once.

In this connection it is recalled that Sheriff Buttling just before his term of office expired said that the business of his office was much greater than that of his predecessor, and that his books were always open for inspection.

THE CUBAN NEGOTIATIONS

Spain's Reply to a Note from the United States Meets Favorable Reception.

RELIEF MEASURES APPROVED

Madrid's Answer Apparently Clears the Way for the Second Message of the President—What Congressmen Say.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—Several dispatches received to-day from Minister Woodford in Madrid were considered in Cabinet meeting. Although the details of these dispatches are not made public, it is known that they are reassuring in character and give a basis for the belief that the present strained relations may yet be satisfactorily relieved.

The United States Government had presented, through Minister Woodford at Madrid, a carefully prepared note dealing with the distressing condition of affairs in Cuba and making clear that this Government could not much longer withhold such definite action as will bring the present struggle and the suffering it is occasioning to a close. The note was submitted to the Spanish Government the latter part of last week.

The Spanish Government has made its reply to the note of the United States thus submitted by Minister Woodford. Both the note of the United States and the answer of Spain are marked by a conservative tone, which, however, does not overcome the dignity and firmness which characterise the representations of both Governments.

The Tone of Spain's Answer.

The general tone of the Spanish answer impressed the President and Cabinet officers most favorably, so much so that after the meeting it was stated by members that the outlook was far more reassuring and that Spain had shown such a conciliatory tone that it was believed she would make concessions sufficient to permit an amicable adjustment of the present strained relations. This was qualified, however, by the statement that the danger point has not yet passed, and that war, while no longer a probability, was yet a possibility. The President had distinctly disclosed to his Cabinet assistants his purpose to avert war if it was possible with a just solution of the Cuban problem, and he had felt from the disposition manifested by Spain that this just solution could be reached. This, however, is without considering Congress, which may, now that the subject is formally before it, take some radical action.

Meantime, at the State Department, cablegrams were being received from Minister Woodford and the Spanish Minister, Señor Polo y Bernabé, was in a lengthy conference with Judge Day as to the prospective adjustment. The meeting between the Spanish Minister and Judge Day came after the Cabinet conference, so that such representation as Spain submitted through him did not get before the Cabinet. At least two of these new phases submitted by the Minister were of exceeding importance. The Spanish Government made it known that no objection would be made to the humanitarian objects of the United States Government in extending relief to the sufferers in Cuba on a far greater scale than hitherto had been contemplated. On the contrary, Spain has made known that it recognises the humane purposes which prompt this country, and that it does not doubt that these purposes will be executed in such a way as to avoid all opportunities for friction. It is not expected that the relief will be carried in warships, as this would introduce a political aspect into a project which is purely humane.

Spain Clears the Way.

This acquiescence by Spain clears the way for the President's message of the next few days, asking a large appropriation for the relief of the destitution in Cuba. It had been feared that this relief, given directly by the United States Government would be resented by Spain as indirect intervention. In that event there is little reason to doubt the relief would have been forwarded at any cost, even the cost of war, as the Administration has felt that a war in behalf of a humane object would command the universal approbation of the world.

Another important Spanish document which reached the Government during the day was the abstract of the report of the Spanish Naval Commission which investigated the destruction of the Maine. It is the only answer Spain has made to the action of this Government in submitting to Spain through Minister Woodford the findings of the American court. The conclusions reached by the Spanish commission are directly the opposite of those of the American court. No demands have been made in connection with the Maine, and therefore there is no response beyond the submission of the Spanish report.

Following the call of the Spanish Minister at the State Department, the French Ambassador, M. Cambon, had a conference with Judge Day. This renewed the talk of European mediation, which is assuming tangible form. The speech of Premier Hanotaux in the Paris Chamber last Saturday is looked upon as foreshadowing at least sympathy, if not direct steps toward mediation by France and other Continental powers. There is good reason to believe Spain is ready and anxious for this move, and has been encouraging it at the European capitals. It would not be an offensive intrusion, but more of a friendly offer to mediate the differences.

Alleged Stock-Jobbing Rumors.

There was a general unwillingness here to accept the reports as to Spain's disposition to come to terms with this country in the manner indicated. Members of Congress spoke of the reports as stock-jobbing rumors, and manifested many symptoms of disappointment at what they characterise as a transparent device of Spain to gain more time and postpone a settlement of the controversy until after the rainy season. There was still some disposition to stand by the President, supported in great degree by the expectation that he would make up in his relief message to-morrow for what was considered the "shortcomings" of his message to-day.

With the receipt of the President's message and the Maine report, the members of the two committees on foreign affairs became confidential in their communications. Not one of them could be induced to say a word to be quoted. Speaking with the assurance that they might be quoted if not named, they were found to be almost unanimously of the opinion that the President would not be able to hold the Senate and the House down to a policy involving the acceptance of autonomy and Spanish control, even with the offer of a Canadian degree of freedom.

"There is no use talking about Canadian freedom," said a prominent member of the Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs, "for Spain is no Great Britain. The Cubans will never trust Spain as Canada has trusted the mother country."

The President will certainly send in, with his message asking for not less than $500,000 to be expended in food for the Cubans, the reports of Consuls in Cuba delayed since the loss of the Maine. The most conservative members of the Senate and the House declare that, while almost everything contained in these reports showing the failure of the plan of autonomy and the starvation of the Cuban people has been anticipated, the accumulation of the mass of information will produce a profound feeling of indignation. In the opinion of one pronounced opponent of anything but intervention, it is likely to provoke a prolonged and heated discussion. It is regarded as doubtful whether Mr. Reed, who is an unswerving peace man, will be able to restrain the members of his own party from advocating and voting for propositions for vigorous intervention immediately after the bill for relief has been taken up.

BRITISH PRAISE THE MESSAGE.

President McKinley's Document Heralded in London as an Augury of Peace with Spain.

LONDON, March 29.—The Times says: "President McKinley's message is temperate and contains nothing that ought to wound the feelings of the most susceptible Spaniard. It has in no way verified the anticipations that he would throw down the gauntlet. This is a distinct gain. It must be admitted, with every desire to excuse Spain's reluctance to yield to pressure, that we cannot refuse our sympathy to the American people.

"If such an incident as the Maine's destruction had happened to us it would have been very difficult even for Englishmen to preserve their boasted calm. We share the grief at the loss of a noble vessel and her crew; and we admire the patience and reserve of a democratic Government under provocation and public excitement. The sentiments of England for America, which we hope are reciprocated, are expressed in the Laureate's cordial verses."

Proceeding to dilate upon the "necessity for American support in the Far East, where both England and America are ardently interested in keeping open trade," the editorial says:

"For this reason, if for no other, we should deeply regret to see America involved in a war with Spain, which could be of advantage to neither and must cripple the strength of both."

The Daily News says editorially this morning:

"Again the unexpected has happened. According to our American correspondent's report the spirit of peace has descended upon the American people, apparently on the belief that United States Minister Woodford has sent a dispatch containing assurances that Spain is willing, under conditions, to withdraw her troops from Cuba and thus give the island effective autonomy, if not independence.

"If this be true, it throws the Maine disaster into its due perspective by giving America due satisfaction on the larger issue. Yet there are still uncertainties. The President's message undoubtedly suggests some kind of reparation. Then there is the question of Cuba's future, which is expected to be dealt with in to-morrow's Presidential message.

"Gen. Woodford's dispatch comes just in time to determine the character of that communication. The situation may thus be summarized: The United States is willing to stifle its resentment for the loss of the Maine if it receives satisfaction with regard to the Cuba of the future. It is a generous compromise, and Spain will do well to be wise in time."

The Daily Graphic says: "President McKinley's message is the work of a man of character and a statesman. Its moderation, perfect fairness, and un-American avoidance of all emotional verbosity must command the sympathies of the civilized world. The United States is fortunate in having a man of this calibre at its head at this moment.

"His dignified appeal should strike a responsive chord in Spain, which cannot afford to be less handsome than this Americano. The message is an olive branch and leads us to attach more importance than we otherwise should to rumors of a peaceful solution."

The Standard says:

"With a report so inconclusive and a Presidential message so cordial toward Spain, the latter should be able to make suitable amends. Therefore a war on that issue need not be apprehended.

"Still, the situation is exceedingly grave. All the reports of compromise emanate from America. The danger is not passed. Let the United States continue in their patient mood. Their interests in Cuba, humanitarian or commercial, are not great enough to make it worth their while to break the peace of the world."

The Daily Chronicle says:

"It is inconceivable that the Spanish Government should be so mad as not to meet the feeling of America, as evidenced in the Maine report and the President's message, half way."

The Morning Post thinks the signs make for peace, and takes it for granted that there will be an armistice until October, Spain and the United States co-operating meanwhile for the relief of the suffering Cubans.

The Daily Telegraph and other papers comment generally upon the "brighter aspects of the whole question."

LONDON, March 28.—The St. James's Gazette, commenting this afternoon on the report of the United States Naval Court of Inquiry into the loss of the battleship Maine, says:

"There can be no doubt Spain owes reparation to the American Government, to say nothing of the most humble apologies and the most extreme considerations for the feelings of the Nation which has lost a fine cruiser lying in peace in a presumably friendly harbor. The outlook is as threatening as it could be, but Spain is in the wrong, and it is for Spain to walk warily."

The Westminster Gazette remarks:

"The resources of diplomacy ought not yet be exhausted. We trust President McKinley will maintain his unexceptionable attitude, and not allow himself to be jingoed into war."

The Globe thinks the report "gives Spain ground for maintaining that it shows bias," adding:

"The evidence that a mine caused the explosion is meagre, unconvincing, and not borne out by previous experiences of the effects caused by mines exploding."

In conclusion, The Globe says:

"Whichever way we look at the matter, it is hard to agree with the verdict of the Court of Inquiry."

George W. Smalley's Opinion.

LONDON, March 28.—Mr. George W. Smalley, the New York correspondent of The Times, says:

"Whatever happens, to-day has been a triumph for President McKinley. Whatever truth there is in the various rumors, Señor Sagasta can accept to-day what he could not accept yesterday. The elections have made him master of Spain. The President is master here. Both desire peace. Why should there be war? There is no doubt that the Nation will accept Mr. McKinley's policy. He has made American diplomacy and influence respected, and seems likely to gain without war more than war could have given."

FRENCH NEWSPAPER OPINIONS.

The Figaro Expects a Ready, Active Policy from the United States.

PARIS, March 28.—The Figaro, commenting to-day upon the Cuban situation, says:

"There is more reason to-day than yesterday to suppose that the ostentatious policy of the United States will be transformed into a ready, active policy. The sole danger of war lies in the new Cortes allowing themselves to be drawn into replying to the impertinences addressed to Spain."

The Eclair says that "in spite of the pessimistic cable dispatches, we do not believe war is inevitable."

The Journal approves of M. Hanotaux's adoption of neutrality, "the moral standpoint of which permits him to assist in solving the difficulty."

The Temps admits President McKinley is in a most difficult position, and strongly urges the "disputants to consent to mediation, or even arbitration," adding:

"In any case, Europe is ready to offer her good offices."

CRUISER BOUGHT IN GERMANY.

Lieut. Commander Niblack Secures a Vessel Built for a South American Republic.

BERLIN, March 28.—Lieut. Commander Niblack, the United States Naval Attaché, has returned here from Kiel. It is understood he has conditionally purchased for the United States Government a protected cruiser building at the Germania Yards for a South American Government, and that he is considering the purchase of a vessel building at the Voss Yards, Hamburg.

ROME, March 28.—The Tribuna announces that a "superior officer of the United States Navy" is coming to Rome to negotiate for the purchase of warships, and that after visiting the Italian dockyards he will visit those of France and Germany.

MANDOLINS, $4, worth $6; $6, worth $9; $10, worth $15, &c. KRELL, 174 6th Av. (23d St.)

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSA

Court of Inquiry Report Sent to Congress with a Statement of Facts About the Disaster.

NO COURSE OF ACTION ADVISED

Spanish Nation's Sense of Justice Expected to Dictate What It Should Do—Deliberate Consideration by Congress Invoked.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—The President to-day sent the following message to Congress:

To the Congress of the United States:

For some time prior to the visit of the Maine to Havana Harbor our consular representatives pointed out the advantages to flow from the visit of National ships to the Cuban waters, in accustoming the people to the presence of our flag as the symbol of good-will and of our ships in the fulfillment of the mission of protection to American interests, even though no immediate need therefor might exist.

Accordingly, on the 24th of January last, after conference with the Spanish Minister, in which the renewal of visits of our war vessels to Spanish waters was discussed and accepted, the peninsular authorities at Madrid and Havana were advised of the purpose of this Government to resume friendly naval visits at Cuban ports, and that in that view the Maine would forthwith call at the port of Havana. This announcement was received by the Spanish Government with appreciation of the friendly character of the visit of the Maine and with notification of intention to return the courtesy by sending Spanish ships to the principal ports of the United States. Meanwhile the Maine entered the port of Havana on the 25th of January, her arrival being marked with no special incident besides the exchange of customary salutes and ceremonial visits.

The Maine continued in the Harbor of Havana during the three weeks following her arrival. No

...the surface of the water; ...about thirty-four feet above where ...he had the ship sunk uninjured.

...outside bottom plating is bent into ...shape A, the after wing of ...about 15 feet broad and 30 feet in ... (Frame 17 to Frame 25) is doubled ...upon itself against the continuation of ...plating extending forward.

...Frame 18 the vertical keel is broken in ...and the flat keel bent into an angle sim... to the angle formed by the outside bot... plating. This break is now about six ...feet below the surface of the water and ...about thirty feet above its normal position.

Only a Mine Could Have Done It.

In the opinion of the court, this effect could have been produced only by the explosion of a mine situated under the bottom of the ship at about Frame 18 and somewhat on the shore side of the ship.

The conclusions of the court are:

That the loss of the Maine was not in any respect due to fault or negligence on the part of any of the officers or members of her crew;

That the ship was destroyed by the explosion of a submarine mine, which caused the partial explosion of two or more of her forward magazines, and,

That no evidence has been obtainable fixing the responsibility for the destruction of the Maine upon any person or persons.

I have directed that the finding of the court of inquiry and the views of this Government thereon be communicated to the Government of her Majesty the Queen Regent, and I do not permit myself to doubt that the sense of justice of the Spanish Nation will dictate a course of action suggested by honor and the friendly relations of the two Governments.

It will be the duty of the Executive to advise the Congress of the result, and in the meantime deliberate consideration is invoked.

WILLIAM McKINLEY.

Executive Mansion, March 28, 1898.

CONGRESS HEARS THE NEWS.

The President's Message and the Maine Report Read—Adjournment on Account of Mr. Simpkin's Death.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—Except on the occasions of the inauguration of a President, no such crowds as surged through the corridors and stormed the galleries for admission have been seen at the Capitol in a quarter of a century. Public interest in the findings of the board of inquiry appointed to investigate the disaster which sent one of Uncle Sam's noblest war vessels to the bottom of Havana harbor and sacrificed the lives of 260 American sailors was at white heat. At daylight this morning people were already seeking entrance to the Capitol, and hours before noon, when the two houses convened, the marble stairways were choked with pushing, jostling people pressing toward the galleries. Not an inch of space remained in the public galleries at 9 o'clock, though long lines of people stretching down the stairways to the lower corridors continued to press forward. Within a few minutes after the reserved galleries were thrown open they too were completely filled with the exception of those reserved for the diplomatic corps and the families of the President and Cabinet. Admission to these galleries was strictly by card. Many distinguished personages were in the galleries. The halls buzzed like a beehive with the sounds of myriads of voices.

In the diplomatic gallery of the Senate were Abner McKinley, the President's brother, and Mrs. Sigsbee, wife of Capt. Sigsbee, United States Navy. The attendance of Senators was unusually large. It was quite evident that the individual members of the body, despite the dignified reserve which many of them were wrapped, were quite as deeply interested in the proceedings as was the general public. Every Senator at the Capitol was in his seat when the gavel of the Vice President fell.

The message from the President only was read in the House and referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs. Resolutions were then adopted in regard to the death of Representative Simpkins of Massachusetts, and a committee was appointed to attend his funeral. As a further mark of respect the House adjourned.

In the Senate the report of the Maine inquiry board was read, together with the President's message. Both the message and the report, with the testimony, were referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. Mr. Mason of Illinois gave notice that he would to-morrow address the Senate on the message, and Senator Money delivered a speech on the Cuban question. The Senate then adjourned out of respect to Representative Simpkins.

In the House.

Fifteen minutes before the House convened the floor was cleared. The diplomatic and executive galleries shortly afterward were opened, and before the gavel fell at noon not a seat was vacant. Altogether there were an unusually large number of women in the galleries, and their gay Spring costumes added much to the brilliancy of the notable scene. Chairman Dingley and Mr. Bailey and the other leaders entered the hall without demonstration. At exactly 12 o'clock the Speaker ascended the rostrum and called the House to order. Amid the impressive silence that followed the blind Chaplain delivered a solemn prayer, which rang through the hall like a warning. He referred to the storm clouds that hung above the country, threatening to break at any time. He prayed to God to interpose His power that these clouds might pass away, leaving us in peace and tranquillity. Yet if war must come," he prayed, "in vindication of truth and justice, mercy and right, help us to be prepared with brain and heart and brawn to meet it. To this end be with the President and the Cabinet, our counsellors, and all officially connected with the affairs of State."

There were no preliminaries. While the Journal was being read, Chief Executive Clerk Pruden appeared with the message, which was announced as soon as the reading of the journal was concluded. The crowded galleries were hushed as the clerk started the document down the main aisle and placed it on the Speaker's table. Speaker Reed himself broke the large red seal of the envelope and, without so much as looking at the message, handed it to the clerk, at the same time announcing in a clear, distinct voice: "A message from the President of the United States."

The Presidential message was then listened to with such breathless interest. Members sat with intense faces straining to catch every word.

When the reading of the message was concluded a wave of applause swept over the floor and galleries. The Speaker immediately announced the reference of the message to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, under the rules.

Mr. Bailey, the Democratic leader, arose and said he understood the message would take that course without debate, under the rules, but asked if the report of the board of inquiry had not accompanied the message.

The Speaker replied that a footnote to the message contained the information that the report and testimony had been transmitted to the Senate.

"Would it be in order to ask unanimous consent to set apart Wednesday for the consideration of the message?" asked Mr. McMillin (Dem., Tenn.)

"The Chair thinks not," replied the Speaker.

Meantime Mr. Walker (Rep., Mass.) was on his feet, and when recognised he announced, as dean of the delegation, the death of his colleague, Representative Simpkins. The usual resolutions were adopted, the Speaker appointing the following committee to attend the funeral: Messrs. Elliott, McCall, Moody, and Lovering, of Massachusetts; Cousins of Iowa, Foss of Illinois, Littauer of New York, Newlands of Nevada, and Berry of Kentucky. Then, at 1:55 P. M., the House, as a further mark of respect, adjourned.

Scene in the Senate.

At 12:01 P. M., in the Senate, Major Pruden executive secretary to the President, appeared at the Senate with the message of the President, transmitting the long expected and much discussed report of the Maine board of inquiry.

As Major Pruden was recognised by the Vice President there was a hush in the Senate, a majority of the spectators evidently feeling that the message and report were to be read in the Senate immediately. Those expectations, however, were taken up for the moment by Mr. Morgan (Ala.) rose and demanded the reading of the President's message. Instantly there was a hush in the Senate chamber so profound that a whisper could have been heard. Vice President Hobart, in a voice that could be heard distinctly in the remotest corner of the galleries, began the reading of the message. Within hearing around the inner circular wall of the chamber many of those entitled to the floor stood, and there were two scores or more of the members of the House of Representatives. As that part of the message summarising the findings of the court was read people scarcely breathed, so intense was the interest in the document.

At the conclusion of the reading of the message Mr. Davis (Minn.) Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations, amid a buzz of whispered conversation, arose and requested that the findings of the court of inquiry be read.

In reading the findings the clerks experienced great difficulty, as they had not been placed in typewritten form and were blindly written.

At the conclusion of the reading Mr. Davis moved that the message of the President, the findings of the court of inquiry, and the testimony taken before the court be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered printed. It was so ordered.

Mr. Lodge (Mass.) introduced a resolution that 2,000 additional copies of the message, findings, and testimony be printed for the use of the Senate. The resolution was agreed to.

Mr. Mason (Ill.) gave notice that he would to-morrow address the Senate upon the President's message. Senator Money then delivered a speech on the Cuban question.

When the announcement of Representative Simpkins's death was received from the House, Mr. Hoar (Mass.) presented the usual resolutions, which were adopted.

On Mr. Hoar's motion the Senate then, at 1:55 P. M., adjourned.

MONEY MAKES HIS SPEECH.

The Mississippi Senator Wants Prompt Action to End Barbarities in Cuba.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—In the Senate to-day, Mr. Money (Dem., Miss.,) spoke on the Cuban situation, basing his remarks on what he saw during his recent visit to Cuba in company with Senators Gallinger and Thurston.

After discussing the situation in Cuba among the reconcentrados as he found it, Mr. Money said that much time had been wasted in efforts to bring about peace on the island through autonomy and through diplomatic agencies.

"Such negotiations are not, perhaps, imbecile," said he, "but their inutility ought to suggest itself to the commonest mind. As long as the yellow flag of Spain salutes the sky over the afflicted island, the Cubans would die to a man rather than accept anything less than independence."

There was only one remedy, Mr. Money said, and that was such action by the United States as would bring the war in Cuba to an end. He thought we should make decisive demands upon Spain for the cessation of hostilities in Cuba. If such action should bring war—let war come.

"Any sort of war is better," said Mr. Money, "than a rotting peace."

In the present condition of this country a tempest was needed to clear the atmosphere, and an honorable war with Spain would be from many points of view a desirable consummation of our present difficulty.

Mr. Money referred briefly to the message of the President and to the Maine disaster, and then declared that it was not becoming in Congress to await the slow processes of diplomacy. He had confidence in the American Congress. He did not desire to offer factious opposition to the Administration's policy, but for one he would not abdicate his right to act for himself and those whom he represented.

"This Government," said he, "will do nothing to tarnish the brilliant lustre of its past. While we do not and shall not ask for the approval of other nations, we will always command their respect. If any power, great or small, should interfere with us, we shall still stand undaunted. I despair of peaceful negotiations, and now have a contempt for them."

MICHIGAN STUDENTS WOULD FIGHT.

Secretary Alger Praises the Young Patriots of the University.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—Secretary Alger to-day gave out for publication the following telegrams:

Ann Arbor, Mich., March 26, 1898.
To the Hon. Russell A. Alger, Secretary of War, Washington, D. C.:

The students of the University of Michigan stand by the Administration and tender services in case of war.

STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

Washington, D. C., March 28, 1898.
To the Students of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.:

Message sent by you tendering your services to the Government, should we have war, was delivered by me to the President, who greatly appreciates it. I am sure all wish for continued peace, if we can have it with honor; but should we unhappily be plunged into war, it is gratifying to know that creeds, nationality, and party affiliations will all merge in one thought, and that the defense of the Nation's honor and its flag. I am happy to know that among those who are willing to make the sacrifice, if need be, the students of the great university of my State stand among the list of those noble young men who are ready for the call.

R. A. ALGER,
Secretary of War.

ST. LOUIS MERCHANTS CAUTIOUS.

Decide to Wait Before Indorsing President McKinley's Policy.

ST. LOUIS, March 28.—It is announced this afternoon that the St. Louis Merchants' Exchange will not follow the lead of the Boards of Trade of Boston and Philadelphia in officially indorsing the course of President McKinley in the present crisis, or officially assuring the Executive that its members would stand by him whatever his ultimate action might be.

President Christopher Sharpe refuses to put either of these questions to a vote, though he has been requested to do so. To-day he received a communication from the President of the Philadelphia Board of Trade, stating that that body had pledged itself to stand by the President of the United States, and asking him to obtain a similar pledge from the local Exchange. Preceding this message came one from the executive of the Boston Board of Trade, asking for an indorsement of President McKinley's policy.

Mr. Sharpe replied to both that the St. Louis Merchants' Exchange would defer action.

"The Exchange does not refuse to indorse the President," said President Sharpe. "I do not believe in indorsing a policy before I know what that policy is. As to pledging ourselves to stand by the decision of the President, that would be useless. Every American will do that once the decision is arrived at. It is not time for a body like ours to indorse a policy. That is a matter that Congress should deal with."

Veterans Offer Their Services.

UTICA, N. Y., March 28.—A letter from Department Commander G. A. R. Col. A. D. Shaw to Secretary of War Alger suggested that if necessary the veterans he could put into the field could be used to man all the stations where Federal troops are now placed, so that all regulars could be free for use in case of war. This would not make it necessary to hold regulars at such places as Buffalo, Sackett's Harbor, Plattsburg, &c., as veterans, who might not be able to take the field, could undertake the routine soldiers' police duty. Secretary Alger thanks Col. Shaw for his offer and says that he is very much interested in the suggestions, but hopes the future turn of events may not make it necessary to adopt them.

Chicago Wheat Market Buoyant.

CHICAGO, March 28.—The question of peace or war overshadowed all else on 'Change to-day. Assumptions of a peaceful solution of the Cuban question resulted in sharp recoveries from early declines, and, with the exception of oats, everything closed strong and higher. Wheat advanced 2c for July and 1½c for May. Corn closed ½@¾c higher, oats a shade lower, and provisions 5@10c higher.

Peace Prayer in the Assembly.

ALBANY, March 28.—Another strong plea for the peaceful settlement of difficulties between this country and Spain was made by the Rev. Charles A. Richmond in his prayer at the opening of the Assembly to-night. He alluded to the tension in National affairs and ended the invocation by asking that the divine guidance and patriotic support for President McKinley in his hour of trial.

SPEECHES IN CONGRESS.

Members Generally Feel the Time Has Arrived for Intervention and Reckoning with Spain.

PEOPLE WANT NOTHING ELSE

The President's Policy Characterised as Giving Advantage to Spain and Lessening the Chances of the Insurgents.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—It was perfectly evident an hour after the report of the Maine board of inquiry had been received by the Senate and the House that the communication of that report by the President had not created the excitement that had prevailed in anticipation of it, nor created any new excitement in consequence of information contained in the report. There was much more talk in the halls of both houses about the message itself than there was about the findings of the board. It is to speak moderately to say that the general tone of comment on the message was one of disappointment. The vast crowd that had thronged the two houses came prepared to hear something more than a bare recital of facts.

It was a common expression in the halls after the crowd had begun to disperse that we had "apologised to Spain for having our battleship in Havana Harbor."

It was evident that the repeated announcements that the President would send simply a message of transmittal had not been carefully read, or if read, had not been believed.

The talk in the Senate and the House after adjournment made it evident that the members of those bodies were impatient and anxious to have an opportunity to hear at once the message of the President proposing relief to the Cuban people, and the opportunity to speak on the question of Cuban autonomy or independence. The bottled-up desire to bring the Cuban war at once to an end found expression on every side. Members who had been very calm and moderate and disposed to rely upon the judgment of the President to the uttermost declared at once that they would not longer consent to a policy that seemed to be giving advantage to Spain and gradually lessening the chances of the Cubans for independence.

Among the most significant utterances of the day were those of Representative Sayers and Representative Dockery. Gov. Sayers is the ranking Democrat on the Committee on Appropriations, and was Chairman of that committee in the last Democratic Congress. Mr. Dockery is next in rank on the committee, and is high in the councils of the Democratic party.

"I will not vote for an appropriation," said Representative Sayers, "to furnish food for the suffering Cubans unless it be accompanied by armed intervention. Conditions, in my judgment, are such that no such appropriation should be made by Congress unless accompanied by intervention, in order to put an end to the war. Unless this be done the practical effect of any such contribution by our Government to feed Spanish subjects would be so much substantial aid to the Spanish Government.

"Spain could well afford to let the United States support her starving noncombatants while she fights the rebels, the revolutionists who were in arms against her authority. This, in my opinion, is the true situation, and the Administration should face it and deal with it accordingly."

Mr. Dockery said:

"I have not read the findings of the court of inquiry or the accompanying evidence, and therefore my opinion is based solely upon the President's message. I confess to a deep sense of disappointment at its tenor. Doubtless the language of diplomacy calls for respectful phrases; but the facts already known to the country in relation to the Maine do not, it seems to me, warrant any such refrain from emphatic, simple recital, devoid of coloring either way. I do not know the contemplated policy of the Administration; but it may as well be understood now as later that the people of the United States will disapprove of any attempted settlement of the Cuban question involving the payment of a dollar of our bonds or leaving the Spanish flag floating on the island, or any action resulting in the feeding of Cuban noncombatants while the Spanish Government is fighting the insurgents in the field.

"An appropriation for relief to the starving Cubans will be a very proper accompaniment of armed intervention."

Other members of the House talked as follows:

Mr. Dolliver, (Rep., Iowa.)—The report shows that the explosion was the result of a well-planned conspiracy involving many persons expert in the use of infernal weapons and having access to the military posts of the Havana Government. It was an act of barbarism, and if it were not overshadowed by the larger national duty in respect to Cuba would lead at once to a declaration of war. As the whole case now stands our duty to end the misery in Cuba by whatever means are necessary is plain. I hope that there will be no hesitation and little delay.

Mr. Hull, (Rep., Iowa.) Chairman of the Military Affairs Committee—There is no question now that the Maine was blown up by a Spanish mine, that the ship was anchored over a mine placed there by the Spanish, and the control exercised over the Spanish harbors by the Government is all the control which any Government could have. I favor immediate intervention in Cuba by this country.

Mr. Curtis, (Rep., Kan.)—The message does not go as far as I expected. It is very conservative, the findings of the court are not as complete as I think they should be, time has come to recognise the independence of Cuba, to notify Spain that its inhuman policy must cease at once, or this Government will intervene.

Mr. Babcock, (Rep., Wis.,) Chairman of the Republican Congressional Committee—The President has treated the matter with great forbearance, and has been very conservative in his action

Mr. Warner, (Rep., Ohio)—The report settles the question beyond cavil that the Maine was blown up by a mine in Spanish waters. The time for talking on our part has passed. We should now act.

Representative Foss, (Rep., Ill.,) a member of the Naval Affairs Committee—The report fails to fix the responsibility, but it will be difficult to make the American people believe that Spain did not have something to do with it.

Mr. Quigg, (Rep., N. Y.,) a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee—The facts disclosed in the message are those, and only those, which have been anticipated, and their effect on public feeling is naturally discounted. The President states them clearly and defines the course which becomes the Chief Magistrate of a sober right intending, and self-confident people. He is acting with absolute good judgment and I, as one Representative, purpose to sustain him. War is hideous and should be resorted to only when no other course is possible in justice and self-respect.

Mr. Livingstone, (Dem., Ga.)—The message reads like an apology.

Mr. McMillin, (Dem., Tenn.)—The message is thoroughly non-committal and does not acquaint Congress with the policy of the Administration. I judge that we are expected to do nothing until Spain is heard.

Mr. Cummings, (Dem., N. Y.,) a member of the Naval Committee—In my opinion the blowing up of the Maine ought to be considered one of the main factors in the case against Spain. I have no comment to make. The American people will make their own comment and make it so loud that even the dons will hear it.

Charles A. Russell, (Rep., Conn.,) a member of the Ways and Means Committee—The findings of the board of inquiry will further convince Congress and the country that the destruction of the Maine was an incident to a state of affairs in Cuba, for which Spain is responsible, and for which the United States in proper time and with full force will hold Spain accountable. Congress and the country ought to receive this message of the President and the report as the forerunner of some decisive action, delayed for only two reasons—First, to exhaust every effort honorably to preserve peace with honor to ourselves and justice to Cuba, and, second, to prepare most effectively for war.

Mr. Hartman, (Silver Rep., Mont.)—The message simply confirms what every one knows, that the President, in his every act, is responsive to the wishes of the Spanish bondholders and the so-called business interests of the country, which being interpreted means the moneyed interests and gold gamblers of the world. If the people of the United States will only keep in mind this supreme power as controlling the destinies of both Spain and the United States there will be no fear of war.

Representative McCleary, (Rep., Minn.)—The report is not full enough to warrant one in stating a final opinion. It does not attempt to locate the responsibility, but it seems to rest on Spain. She should in this case promptly disavow the responsibility, express her determination to find and punish those responsible, and express her anxiety to make such reparation as is possible. If she does not do so, I trust that

WAR AND NAVY DEPARTMENTS.

In Accord, Ready for Business, and Chafing Under the Administration's Policy of Delay.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—The Navy and War Departments are chafing under the delay policy that the Administration is pursuing. Officials in both repeatedly say that the time has passed for uncertainty and that something positive ought to be done at once. Preparation, it is said, is as complete now as it will be within the next two months. Both departments have been working with the idea in view that war would either be in progress or declared off before this time, and everything was done that could be done in preparing for immediate hostilities.

If war does not follow soon, the departments will begin planning for remote possibilities and making ready more elaborate supplies and mobilising heavier forces than have yet been thought necessary.

The opinion has prevailed that if war should be declared it would call for a short, sharp, and decisive campaign by sea and land, and preparations have been hurried forward with such a campaign in view. Now that rumors are floating from the White House that peace seems assured for a short time at least, they have settled down into the more serious work of arranging for campaigns and operations on a far larger scale.

Think War Should Come at Once.

The war sentiment has by no means abated in any of the departments, especially those of State, Navy, and War. Officials openly discuss the situation, and say that they feel that war is inevitable, and that it should come at once, if at all. A prominent official said to-day:

"I would rather see an ultimatum at this time than anything else. We have had a great deal of talk of ultimata, and I think the time has about arrived for sending one to Spain, or receiving one from her."

Another remarked, in referring to the President's message to Congress to-day, that the United States is fully prepared for war with Spain.

"To do anything more now," he said, "would look as if John L. Sullivan were training to fight me."

This was in allusion to his slightness of stature, as he is very thin, although he has seen plenty of rough service in the West.

Everywhere all talk of the "armistice" is met with a sneer and a suggestion that it would only mean six months more of starvation in Cuba and of preparation for war in the United States. In the meanwhile, it is said, business would be far more demoralised and injured than it would be by actual war. The near approach of the wet season in Cuba adds fire to the impatience of these officers.

An important conference is being held to-day between the War and Navy Departments with the view to their being able to operate in entire harmony in the event of war. There have been many reports that the army officers had refused to let the navy officers know where mines and torpedoes have been placed in the various harbors and along the coast. A Navy Department official to-day declared these reports to be "fakes" and said that the department has seen to it that the location of every mine, torpedo, disappearing gun, and coast mortar has been made known to the officers of the Navy.

Will Co-operate to Fullest Extent.

The War Department and the Navy Department are determined to co-operate to the fullest extent in all preparations for war, and whatever is done by one will be known to the other, if such knowledge is necessary for the proper conduct of contemplated or probable movements.

To insure the fullest mutual understanding between the two, Col. Wagner, Assistant Adjutant General, and Capt. Barker of the Oregon, and a member of the War Board, are conferring daily about the plans of the two departments. Usually the operations of the two are quite distinct and sharply enough defined; but in other cases where war would have to be carried on by sea and land, and where each arm of the service would have to support the other in Cuba or along the coast of this country, the fullest measure of success would be impossible without the fullest information concerning the plans and preparations made by each other.

If an army of occupation were sent to Cuba or Puerto Rico, it would probably be accompanied along the coast by a strong squadron. The same would be true of an army of defense along other shores, should a Spanish attack be made, and the army and navy would act in concert.

There was an apparent lull in preparations in the two departments to-day owing not only to the fact already mentioned that each has done about all it can do at present, but also because the President's message was practically silent as to any feverish haste in preparing for contingencies. The vessels of the navy have been assigned to the several stations, and are moving into place to form squadrons at Key West, Hampton Roads, and Port Royal. All available ships have been disposed of, and all that is necessary is for them to proceed to their destination and wait further orders.

The Captains and Commodores are departing, the shouting and the tumult are dying away, and there is not much for the Navy Department to do but to look around for more ships in the European markets and put boilers and coats of paint on the monitors at League Island. This latter, it does not seem inclined to do, despite the urging of Engineer in Chief Melville and Chief Constructor Hichborn, who are very anxious to get the fighting machines into condition to give a good account of themselves. Secretary Long thinks that this is a matter that can wait, and he has decided to let the monitors take their turn at the docks for repairs.

War Department Equally Quiet.

The War Department is equally quiet. The army has been re-divisioned and assigned to its several headquarters, whence it is watching and waiting for further developments. The Secretary of War is confining himself to the transfers of privates to-day, all the officers having been looked after.

It is not probable that either this department or the Navy Department will take any very decisive steps until the report of the board of inquiry comes out of the Committees on Foreign Affairs. There is a general feeling in the departments and among army and navy men that the report has been shelved for a time at least; although they hope that the consular reports of the conditions of the Cubans may stir Congress so deeply that it may demand the immediate consideration of the matter.

Chicago Ministers for Intervention.

CHICAGO, March 28.—At the regular meetings of the Methodist and Congregational ministers of Chicago, resolutions were adopted favoring immediate intervention in behalf of the starving Cubans, and favoring the use of force if necessary in supplying them with food. The President's course in the matter was heartily commended at each meeting.

THE BATTLESHIP MAINE.

Battleship Was Blown Up by a Submarine Mine, Placed Near Her Keel.

THAT EXPLODED MAGAZINES

Catastrophe Not Due to Fault or Negligence of Officers or Men—No Conclusions Stated to Show Who Was Guilty.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—The following is the full text of the report of the court of inquiry:

UNITED STATES SHIP IOWA,
FIRST RATE.
Key West, Fla.,
Monday, March 21, 1898.

After full and mature consideration of all the testimony before it, the court finds as follows:

First—That the United States battleship Maine arrived in the Harbor of Havana, Cuba, on the twenty-fifth day of January, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, and was taken to Buoy No. 4, in from five and a half to six fathoms of water, by the regular Government pilot.

The United States Consul General at Havana had notified the authorities at that place, the previous evening, of the intended arrival of the Maine.

Second—The state of discipline on board the Maine was excellent, and all orders and regulations in regard to the care and safety of the ship were strictly carried out.

All ammunition was stowed in accordance with prescribed instructions, and proper care was taken whenever ammunition was handled.

Nothing was stowed in any of the magazines or shell rooms which was not permitted to be stowed there.

The magazines and shell rooms were always locked after having been opened and after the destruction of the Maine the keys were found in their proper place, in the Captain's cabin, everything having been reported secure that evening at 8 P. M.

The temperature of the magazines and shell rooms was taken daily and reported. The only magazine which had an undue amount of heat was the after ten-inch magazine, and that did not explode at the time the Maine was destroyed.

Torpedo Warheads Did Not Explode.

The torpedo warheads were all stowed in the after part of the ship under the ward room, and neither caused nor participated in the destruction of the Maine.

The dry guncotton primers and detonators were stowed in the cabin aft, and remote from the scene of the explosion. Waste was carefully looked after on the Maine to obviate danger. Special orders in regard to this had been given by the commanding officer.

Varnishes, driers, alcohol, and other combustibles of this nature were stowed on or above the main deck and could not have had anything to do with the destruction of the Maine.

The medical stores were stored aft under the ward room and remote from the scene of the explosion.

No dangerous stores of any kind were stowed below in any of the other storerooms.

The coal bunkers were inspected daily. Of those bunkers adjacent to the forward magazine and shell rooms, four were empty, namely: B 3, B 4, B A, B 6. A 15 had been in use that day, and A 16 was full of New River coal. This coal had been carefully inspected before receiving it on board. The bunker in which it was stowed was accessible on three sides at all times, and the fourth side at this time, on account of bunkers B 4 and B 6 being empty. This bunker, A 16, had been inspected that day by the engineer officer on duty.

The fire alarms in the bunkers were in working order, and there had never been a case of spontaneous combustion of coal on board the Maine.

The two after boilers of the ship were in use at the time of the disaster, but for auxiliary purposes only, with a comparatively low pressure of steam, and being tended by a reliable watch. These boilers could not have caused the explosion of the ship. The four forward boilers have since been found by the divers and are in a fair condition.

On the night of the destruction of the Maine everything had been reported secure for the night at 8 P. M. by reliable persons through the proper authorities to the commanding officer. At the time the Maine was destroyed the ship was quiet, and therefore least liable to accident, caused by movements from those on board.

The Explosions.

3. The destruction of the Maine occurred at 9:40 P. M., on the 15th day of February, 1898, in the harbor of Havana, Cuba, she being at the time moored to the same buoy to which she had been taken upon her arrival.

There were two explosions of a distinctly different character, with a very short but distinct interval between them, and the forward part of the ship was lifted to a marked degree at the time of the first explosion. The first explosion was more in the nature of a report, like that of a gun, while the second explosion was more open, prolonged, and of greater volume. This second explosion was, in the opinion of the court, caused by a partial explosion of two or more of the forward magazines of the Maine. The evidence bearing upon this, being principally obtained from divers, did not enable the court to form a definite conclusion as to the condition of the wreck, although it was established that the after part of the ship was practically intact and sank in that condition a very few minutes after the destruction of the forward part.

The Condition of the Wreck.

The following facts in regard to the forward part of the ship are, however, established by the testimony: That portion of the port side of the protective deck which extends from about Frame 50 to about Frame 41 was blown up aft and over to port. The main deck from about Frame 30 to about Frame 41 was blown up aft and slightly over to starboard, folding the forward part of the middle structure over and on top of the after part.

This was, in the opinion of the court, caused by the partial explosion of two or more of the forward magazines of the Maine.

5. At Frame 17 the outer shell of the warship from a point eleven and one-half feet from the middle line of the ship and six feet above the keel when in its normal position has been braced up so as to be now about four feet above the surface of the water; therefore about thirty-four feet above where it would be had the ship sunk uninjured. The outside bottom plating is bent into a reversed V-shape, the after wing of which, about 15 feet broad and 30 feet in length, (from Frame 17 to Frame 25,) is doubled back upon itself against the continuation of the same plating extending forward.

The Keel Broken in Two.

At Frame 18 the vertical keel is broken in two and the flat keel bent into an angle similar to the angle formed by the outside bottom plating. This break is now about six feet below the surface of the water and about thirty feet above its normal position.

In the opinion of the court, this effect could have been produced only by the explosion of a mine situated under the bottom.

7. In the opinion of the court, the Maine was destroyed by the explosion of a submarine mine which caused the partial explosion of two or more of her forward magazines.

8. The court has been unable to obtain evidence fixing the responsibility for the destruction of the Maine upon any person or persons.

W. T. SAMPSON, Captain, United States Navy, President.
A. MARIX, Lieutenant Commander, United States Navy, Judge Advocate.

The court having finished the inquiry it was ordered to make, adjourned at 11 A. M., to await the action of the convening authority.

W. T. SAMPSON, Captain, United States Navy, President.
A. MARIX, Lieutenant Commander, United States Navy, Judge Advocate.

United States Flagship NEW YORK.
March 22, 1898. Off Key West, Fla.

The proceedings and findings of the court of inquiry in the above case are approved.

M. SICARD, Rear Admiral, Commander in Chief of the United States naval force on the North Atlantic station.

MR. McCALL ON THE PRESIDENT

Obligations That Would Be Forced Upon the United States in Case of Intervention.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—John A. McCall, President of the New York Life Insurance Company, who came to Washington yesterday, and who has had consultations with Vice President Hobart, Speaker Reed, and Attorney General Griggs since his arrival, this morning received an invitation from the President to call upon him at the White House. Mr. McCall arrived at the White House immediately after the Cabinet meeting.

After a very cordial reception by the President, and upon the suggestion of the latter, the two gentlemen went out into the grounds in the rear of the Executive Mansion and walked for an hour, engaged in conversation the entire time.

The President was anxious to learn from Mr. McCall the feeling he had noted in an extensive tour of the country and to obtain his advice as to the contemplated programme of the Administration.

"I found the President very sincere in his determination to avoid war," said Mr. McCall, "if it can be averted without sacrifice of National honor. He has plenty of backbone, and he is as ready to adopt heroic measures as the most pronounced of jingoes, if it becomes necessary to resort to force; but he is so averse to plunging the Nation into a war, with the horrors of which he has been acquainted, that he will not neglect any opportunity to avert such a disaster.

"The President undoubtedly has a plan, and much of it will be made known in his relief message to be made to-morrow. There is no doubt that a part of that message will depend upon the receipt of a message from Spain, conveying a definite offer of liberal autonomy for Cuba. I do not believe the President is prepared to pronounce for Cuban independence. To make such a declaration would not make Cuba independent unless we contributed aid to secure that independence. Nor do I believe that the President is prepared to employ the power of the United States to force upon Cuba a plan of settlement objectionable to the advocates of independence.

"The President is looking at the question from many points. He is profoundly in sympathy with the objects of the struggling patriots, but he is constantly brought to consider what shall be done if intervention should be resolved upon and Spain should be compelled to withdraw from its colony, exposing the Spanish residents to lawless and resentful Cubans, with no protection for other very patriotic Americans, it looks as if intervention would impose upon the United States duties so serious and so difficult that annexation would be the imperative step next to intervention.

"Indeed, it may be safe to say that unless Cuba will accept a plan of liberal autonomy, under the guarantee of the United States, its ultimate condition will be annexation."

INFANTRY MOVEMENTS ORDERED.

Gen. Miles Issues an Order Which May Have a Bearing on War.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—Major Gen. Miles issued an order to-day transferring the headquarters and six companies of the Eleventh Infantry, now in the Department of Colorado, to Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, and also directing the commanding General of the Department of the Colorado to order the headquarters, staff, and band of the Fifteenth Infantry, from Fort Bayard, N. M., to Fort Huachuca, Arizona, and one company of the Fifteenth Infantry from Foray Bayard to Fort Apache, Arizona.

Orders were also issued discontinuing the post at Whipple Barracks. Although they do not seem to do so, these orders may have a bearing on the proposed reported concentration of troops for use in a possible emergency.

WAR CONFERENCE AT ALBANY.

Talk That Gov. Black Will Follow the Precedent of 1861 and Recommend an Appropriation.

ALBANY, March 28.—The possibility of extraordinary action by the State authorities in preparation for war is suggested by the action of some high officials who have been busied to-day looking up the records of what the State did when the civil war began.

There is no direct evidence that this is the result of more specific information concerning the imminence of hostilities than the public is in possession of, but there are good grounds for the statement that the Governor and his advisers are seriously considering the question of what shall be done if the emergency arises.

Investigation of the State records of 1861 shows that the Legislature was in session when Fort Sumter was fired on, and that two days after that event, on April 15, it passed a bill appropriating $3,000,000 to equip 30,000 State troops, and levied a tax of $2,000,000 for the purpose.

On April 17 another bill, appropriating $500,000 for arms for the troops, was passed, making the total war appropriation inside of three days $5,500,000.

It is related by men who were in the legislative service at the time that Gov. Morgan, who was in the Executive chair, and who was a very wealthy man, put his own name and credit behind the loan, and thereby made it immediately available.

This investigation of the precedents of 1861 is believed to shadow forth a conviction on the part of Gov. Black that he may be called on to face a similar emergency. It was actually rumored to-night that the Governor had in preparation a special message, to be sent to the Legislature, appropriating $1,000,000 for the use of the National Guard.

This is officially denied, but in spite of the denials there is a disposition among the legislators to regard such a message as not unlikely. If sent before the adjournment of the present session, it will have to come to-morrow or Wednesday, as the end will come at noon on Thursday.

The air of the Capitol is surcharged with expectancy and nobody would be surprised should such a message come at any moment. The Governor is anxious to avoid an extra session, and those who place credence in the reports flying about to-night look for him to take prompt action, so as to place the State in shape for the emergency if it comes, without having to reconvene the Legislature for the purpose.

AN ENGLISH EX-CAPTAIN'S OFFER.

Places Himself at the Disposal of the Government in Case of War.

RAMSEYS, N. J., March 28.—Capt. Hugh Johnson, formerly of the English Army, but now a resident of this place, has written Secretary of War Alger the following letter:

Ramseys, N. J., March 27, 1898.

Sir: In the event of hostilities between the United States of America and Spain, I have the honor to offer my services to the Government. I served for five years in the British Army, in the King's School Regiment, and resigned my commission two years ago. I obtained from the School of Musketry at Hythe a first-class certificate qualifying me to impart instruction in musketry and in the use of the Maxim and Nordenfelt guns. I went through a course in the Mounted Infantry Regiment in England, and in 1890 in Bermuda I trained and organised the Mounted Infantry of the Border Regiment and of the Nineteenth Infantry, in command of the former I was employed in the suppression and capture of Dawite.

To the best of my belief there is no mounted infantry in the United States Army, and I would

...Members of Congress Will Not Be Molested.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—Secretary Gage has issued a circular to the Collectors of Customs, directing them to allow the baggage of members of Congress to pass without examination.

...Rear Admiral Sicard Ordered Home.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—Rear Admiral Sicard has been ordered to report to the Navy Department for duty.

...Ordered to Key West.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—The Navy Department has ordered the Montgomery to Key West.

...Ordered to Hampton Roads.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—The Navy Department has ordered the Detroit to Hampton Roads.

...Ordered to Port Royal.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—The Navy Department has ordered the Wilmington to Port Royal.

...Ordered to Key West.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—The Navy Department has ordered the Castine to Key West.

...Ordered to Port Royal.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—The Navy Department has ordered the Annapolis to Port Royal.

...Ordered to Key West.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—The Navy Department has ordered the Alert to Key West.

...Ordered to Port Royal.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—The Navy Department has ordered the Vicksburg to Port Royal.

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WASHINGTON, March 28.—The Navy Department has ordered the Machias to Key West.

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WASHINGTON, March 28.—The Navy Department has ordered the Bancroft to Key West.

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WASHINGTON, March 28.—The Navy Department has ordered the Newport to Port Royal.

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WASHINGTON, March 28.—The Navy Department has ordered the Wasp to Key West.

...Ordered to Port Royal.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—The Navy Department has ordered the Nashville to Port Royal.

...Ordered to Key West.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—The Navy Department has ordered the Marblehead to Key West.

...Ordered to Port Royal.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—The Navy Department has ordered the Dolphin to Port Royal.

...Ordered to Key West.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—The Navy Department has ordered the Fern to Key West.

...Ordered to Port Royal.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—The Navy Department has ordered the Hist to Port Royal.

...Ordered to Key West.

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MAINE WRECK EVIDENCE

The Ship Destroyed by a Mine in the Water a Little Distance Away.

THE EXPERTS ALL THINK AND TESTIFY ONE WAY.

One Witness Unknown Seeks to Implicate Spanish Officers and Citizens.

No Change in Anchorage, and No Accusations Made in the Finding of the Court.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—The immense mass of testimony taken by the Maine court of inquiry was taken on eighteen different days, the fourteenth day, however, being devoted to viewing the wreck. Every witness who was known to have any information was called to give testimony. The story of the destruction of the vessel is told not graphically, but in a manner which gives all the obtainable facts. No technical detail is omitted. Every movement and incident connected with the Maine from the time she left Key West until the last diver examined the wreck slowly sinking in the mud of Havana Harbor is given.

Capt. Sigsbee with elaborate care and in minute detail gives an account of the management of the ship, how she was handled, what was done from day to day on board, how she sailed into Havana, her anchorage, and what he knew about it, and, in fact, every point upon which the Government and the country desires to be informed. Nothing in his testimony shows that the anchorage was changed, or that it was considered dangerous by any one.

Testimony of equal interest and importance is given by Ensign Powelson, who had charge of the divers, and knew from day to day what these divers found. This officer was minutely informed as to the construction of the Maine and everything about her. His testimony was to a certain extent technical, bearing upon the construction of the ship, her plates, &c., but it was from these plates and this technical knowledge that he was able to declare that the explosion took place from the outside and to demonstrate scientifically and mathematically the reasons for his conclusions, which are:

That the Maine was lifted, a huge hole was torn in her bottom by a mine of tremendous strength sprung beneath her in the water at some little distance from her, and that she was literally broken in two;

That her broken bow is thrown to starboard and lies with its forepart down and its afterpart, the point of fracture, elevated;

That one magazine, at least, of the ship was exploded by the explosion from without.

The divers, Morgan, Olsen, and Smith, all contributed important evidence. They testified that the plates were bent inward on the bottom port side and outward on the starboard side, and curled upward above the great hole in the hull.

The story of the explosion, as seen upon and from outside the ship, is told by several witnesses.

Nothing in the testimony fixes responsibility; no conspiracy is apparent; no knowledge of the planting of a mine is shown. Capt. Sigsbee states that a somewhat bitter feeling existed against the American ships and Americans generally, and a witness whose name is suppressed tells of overhearing a conversation among Spanish officers and a citizen indicating a foreknowledge of the destruction of the Maine by intention to blow her up. An official of the American Consulate tells of information received anonymously tending to show that a conspiracy existed. But nothing is definitely stated which fixes any responsibility.

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CAPT. SIGSBEE'S EVIDENCE.

Order and Discipline Perfect—The Explosion Described.

Capt. Sigsbee, in testifying before the court of inquiry, which convened in the Harbor of Havana Monday, Feb. 21, said that he assumed command of the Maine on April 10, 1897, and that his ship arrived in the Harbor of Havana the last time Jan. 24, 1898. The authorities at Havana knew of the Maine's coming, Consul General Lee having informed the authorities, according to official custom. After an official pilot, sent by the Captain of the Port of Havana, had been sent to the Maine, the ship was berthed in the man-of-war anchorage off the Machina, or the Shears, and, according to his understanding, had one of the regular buoys of the place.

He then stated that he had been in Havana in 1872, and again in 1878. He could not state whether the Maine was placed in the usual berth for men-of-war, but said that he had heard remarks since the explosion, using Capt. Stevens, temporarily in command of the Ward Line steamer City of Washington, as authority, that Capt. Stevens had never known in all his experience, which covered visits to Havana for five or six years, a man-of-war to be anchored at that buoy; that he had rarely known merchant vessels to be anchored there, and that it was the least used buoy in the harbor.

Where the Other Vessels Lay.

In describing the surroundings when first moored to his buoy, Capt. Sigsbee said that the Spanish man-of-war Alfonso XII. was moored in position now occupied by the Fern, about 250 yards to the northward and westward of the Maine. The German ship Gniesenau was anchored at the berth now occupied by the Spanish man-of-war Segaspe, which is some 400 yards due north from the Maine. He then located the German man-of-war Charlotte, which came into the harbor a day or two later, which was anchored to the southward of the Maine's berth about 400 or 500 yards.

In describing the surroundings at the time of the explosion Capt. Sigsbee said that the night was calm and still. The Alfonso XII. was at the same berth. The small Spanish dispatch boat Segaspe had come out the day before and taken the berth occupied by the German man-of-war, the Gniesenau, which had left. The steamer City of Washington was anchored about 200 yards to the south and east of the Maine's stern, slightly on the port quarter.

The Maine coaled at Key West, taking on about 150 tons, the coal being regularly inspected and taken from the Government coal pile. This coal was placed generally in the forward bunkers. No report was received from the chief engineer that any coal had been too long in the bunkers and that the fire alarms in the bunkers were sensitive.

Regarding the regulations regarding inflammables and paints on board, Capt. Sigsbee testified that the regulations were strictly carried out in regard to stowage and that the waste also was subject to the same careful disposition. As to the situation of the paint room, he fixed it as in the "eyes of the ship," just below the berth deck, the extreme forward compartment. As for the disposition of inflammables they were stowed in chests according to regulations, and when inflammables were in excess of chest capacity they were allowed to be kept in the bath room of the Admiral's cabin. Regarding the electric plant of the Maine, Capt. Sigsbee stated that there was no serious grounding nor sudden flaring up of the lights before the explosion, but a sudden and total eclipse.

Temperature in the Magazines.

As for regulations affecting the taking of temperature of the magazines and so on there were no regulations other than those usually required by the department. He examined the temperature himself and consulted with the ordnance officer as to the various temperatures and the contents of the magazines, and according to the opinion of this officer, as well as his own, the temperatures were never at the danger point. "I do not think there was any delay in this direction," said the Captain in reply to a question of Judge Advocate Parker.

He had no recollection of any work going on in the magazine or shell rooms on the day of the explosion. The keys were called for in the usual way on the day in question and were properly returned. At the time of the disaster the two after boilers in the after fireroom were in use, because the hydraullo system was somewhat leaky.

Speaking generally of his relations with the Spanish authorities, Capt. Sigsbee said that with the officials they were outwardly cordial. The members of the Autonomistic Council of the Government, however, seemed to have brought to the attention of the Navy Department the fact that he did not visit them, and that fact brought some embarrassment to the Government at Washington. He took the ground to the department that it was unknown etiquette to call on the civil members of the Colonial Government other than the Governor. Without waiting for an order, however, Capt. Sigsbee made a visit afterward, and was pleasantly received, and his visit was promptly returned by certain members of the Council. Later a party of ladies and gentlemen called, and the President of the Council made a speech which Capt. Sigsbee could not understand, but which was interpreted to him briefly, to which he replied.

"My reply," said Capt. Sigsbee, "was afterward printed in at least two papers in Havana, but the terms made me favor Autonomistic government in the island. I am informed that the Autonomistic Government in Havana is unpopular among a large class of Spanish and Cuban residents. I have no means of knowing whether my apparent interference in the political concerns of the island had any relation to the destruction of the Maine."

When asked whether there was any demonstration of animosity by people afloat, Capt. Sigsbee said that there was never on shore, as he was informed, but there was afloat. He then related that on the first Sunday after the Maine's arrival a ferryboat, crowded densely with people, civil and military, returning from a bull fight in Regla, passed the Maine, and about forty people on board indulged in yells, whistles, and derisive calls.

Took Unusual Precautions.

During the stay in Havana Harbor Capt. Sigsbee said he took more than ordinary precautions for the protection of the Maine by placing sentries on the forecastle and poop, Quartermaster and signal boys on the bridge and on the poop. A Corporal of the Guard was especially instructed to look out for the port gangway, and the officer of the deck and Quartermaster were especially instructed to look out for the starboard gangway. A quarter watch was kept on deck all night. Sentries' cartridge boxes were filled, their arms were kept loaded, a number of rounds of rapid-fire ammunition was in the pilot house, and in the Captain's spare pantry under the after superstructure were kept additional charges of shell close at hand for the second battery. Steam was kept up on two boilers instead of one, and positive instructions were given to watch carefully all the hydraulic gear and report defects. He said he had given orders to the master at arms and the Orderly Sergeant to keep a careful eye on everybody that came on board, and to carefully observe any packages that might be held on the supposition that dynamite or other high explosive might be employed, and afterward to inspect the route these people had traversed, and never lose sight of the importance of the order. He said that very few people visited the ship, Lieut. Commander Wainwright being rather severe on desultory visitors. There were only two visits of Spanish military officers. Once a party of five or six Spanish officers came on board, but they were constrained and not desirous of accepting much courtesy. This visit was during the absence of the Captain. He said he made every effort to have the Spanish officers visit the ship to show good will, according to the spirit of the Maine's visit to Havana, but with the exceptions stated, no military officer of Spain visited the ship socially.

Capt. Sigsbee then went into details regarding the precautions in force, especially in relation to quarter watches, which he said had never been rescinded. One of the cutters was in the water at the time of the accident, and one of the steam launches, the first, was riding at the starboard boom. The Captain said that the night was quiet and warm, and that he remembered hearing distinctly the echoes of the bugle at tattoo, which were very pleasant. Stars were out, the sky, however, being overcast. The Maine at the time of the explosion was heading approximately northwest, pointing toward the Shears. He was writing at his port cabin table at the time of the explosion and was dressed.

Description of the Crash.

He then went into a description of his experience when he felt the crash. He characterized it as a bursting, rending, and crashing sound, or roar, of immense volume, largely metallic in its character. It was succeeded by a metallic sound, probably of falling débris, a trembling and lurching motion of the vessel, then an impression of subsidence, attended by an eclipse of electric lights and intense darkness within the cabin. He knew immediately that the Maine had been blown up, and that she was sinking. He hurried to the starboard cabin ports, but changed his course to the passage leading to the superstructure. Then he detailed the manner of meeting Private Anthony, which is much the same as has been published. Lieut. Commander Wainwright was on deck when Capt. Sigsbee emerged from the passageway, and turning to the orderly he asked for the time, which was given as 9:40 P. M. Sentries were ordered placed about the ship and the forward magazine flooded if practicable. He called for perfect silence. The surviving officers were about him at the time on the poop. He was informed that both forward and after magazines were under water. Then came faint cries, and he saw dimly white floating bodies in the water. Boats were at once ordered lowered, but only two were found available—the gig and whaleboat. They were lowered and manned by officers and men, and by the Captain's direction they left the ship and assisted in saving the wounded, jointly with other boats that had arrived on the scene. Fire amidships by this time was burning fiercely, and the spare ammunition in the pilot house was exploding in detail.

Wainwright's Whispered Warning.

At this time Lieut. Commander Wainwright whispered to the Captain that he thought the ten-inch magazine forward had been thrown up into the burning mass, and might explode in time. Everybody was then directed to get into the boats over the stern, which was done, the Captain getting in the gig, and he then proceeded to the City of Washington, where he found the wounded in the dining saloon being carefully attended by the officers and crew of the vessel. He then went on deck and observed the wreck for a few minutes, and gave directions to have a muster taken on board the City of Washington and other vessels and sat in the Captain's cabin and dictated a telegram to the Navy Department.

Various Spanish officials came on board, Capt. Sigsbee testified, and expressed sympathy and sorrow for the accident. The representatives of Gen. Blanco and of the Admiral of the station were among the Spanish officials who tendered their respects. About eighty-four or eighty-five men were found that night who survived.

By the time Capt. Sigsbee reached the quarterdeck it was his impression that an overwhelming explosion had occurred. When he came from the cabin he was practically blinded for a few seconds. His only thought was for the vessel, and he took no note of the phenomena of the explosion. In reply to the direct question whether any of the magazines or shellrooms were blown up, the Captain said it was extremely difficult to come to any conclusion.

The Centre of the Explosion.

The centre of the explosion was beneath and a little forward of the conning tower on the port side. In the region of the centre axis of the explosion was the six-inch reserve magazine, which contained very little powder, about 300 pounds. The ten-inch magazine was in the same general region, but on the starboard side. Over the ten-inch magazine, in the loading room of the turret and in the adjoining passage, a number of ten-inch shells were permanently placed. According to Capt. Sigsbee, it would be difficult to conceive that the explosion involved the ten-inch magazine and that no reports showed that any ten-inch shells were hurled into the air because of the explosion. The Captain went into details as to the location of the small-arms ammunition. He said that he did not believe that the forward six-inch magazine blew up. The location of the guncotton was aft under the cabin. The guncotton was stowed under the cabin floor, and was not exploded, as it was not primed. The primers were stowed in the cabin proper, but it was not exploded in the explosion.

Judge Advocate Parker questioned further as to what he considered the cause of the injury, Mr. Powelson said:

Force from a Distance Outside.

"On the bottom, forward, where that frame was thrown up, it would seem to me the force was communicated some distance through the water, because it was lifted up instead of being battered in. It was a force that was cushioned in some way, because the diver tells me that there was a pulpe in plates between the two frames, and such a force as that would be a cushion pressure. So the plates in that part of the ship not having been broken in this explosion may have occurred aft, and the frames forward of the transverse armor being weaker than they are aft, the ship might have been lifted up there by this cushion pressure from further aft.

"It struck me," continued Mr. Powelson, speaking of the same part of the vessel, "that the mine there could not have been very close to the plates where they were lifted up, because, as I say, the plates are not so much damaged, are bent in the form of a V, and raised up a verticle distance. It seems to me that the mine was somewhat removed and the pressure came through the water which produced that cushion sort of pressure."

On the tenth day of the investigation Mr. Powelson continued his testimony regarding reports he had taken from Olsen. In part he said: "Olsen followed the second longitudinal down until he got to Frame 19. Then he worked himself down toward the direction of the keel, and there he found the first longitudinal, which is not shown in the sketch, because it is covered by inside plating. He found the bottom plating broken and edges pushed in from the green paint. This was on the outside of the ship. These edges were pushed in about eighteen inches from the original surface of the bottom plates."

Mr. Powelson said that on Feb. 26 Diver Smith went down to examine the forward part of the keel as far forward to the bow as he could get. He went down at the point D, and walked down on the green plating until he got near the keel. He worked his way aft.

"He found," said Mr. Powelson, "the flat part of the keel to be fourteen inches wide and found that the outer keel plate lapped up along the bottom plating on each side a distance of one foot eight inches. He examined the top of the wood backing level with the armor plate. The backing was split in a fore and aft vertical plane, and the inboard part of the backing was torn off. The outward part of the backing was still attached to the plate. The splinters were on the forward edge of the backing and pointed inboard, as he indicated in a sketch. These splinters were about six or seven inches long and pointed inboard, as he drew them, at an angle of about 45 degrees."

Runquist found a hole about Frame 41 where the splinters on the forward edge of the backing pointed outward.

On the afternoon of March 1 Runquist went down to examine the side plating under the waterways on the port side, abaft the port crane. Mr. Powelson said: "He went back to the ship's side and examined the backing of the armor. That looked to be pushed from out in, because at the place where the plate was gone the wood backing, about six or seven inches thick, was splintered, and all the splinters pointing inboard.

"He then worked himself forward until he came to the edge of Plate A, and then went down to the keel on the bottom plating until he got into the mud.

"On the afternoon of March 1 Diver Runquist went down on the port side of the ship, abaft the port crane. He went down a ladder placed about 20 feet abaft the port crane against the port superstructure and leading down to the main deck. Then he went over the side at a point about twelve inches abaft the break in the main deck. He found still attached to the side underneath the waterways of the main deck a strip of plating three or four feet wide. This plating, he said, was bent inboard."

On the eleventh day Ensign Powelson was recalled and described the further reports made to him by the divers. He said: "I sent Olsen down the piece of keel, the vertical keel, on March 5, to make further explorations in the region of the ten-inch magazine. He went down to where the keel became horizontal, at frame 30, walked aft about twenty-five feet, climbed over a lot of wreckage, consisting of plates and bulkheads, standing upright. The upper ends of these plates were ragged, and he crawled over them to what he thought was part of a boiler. He could not give definite details, but he thought it was a boiler.

A Clear Opening to Port.

"A little after this he walked out to port, clear of the ship into the mud. He was at this time forward of the break of the ship, at frame 41. Returning about ten feet in, he found wreckage. He examined this plate and found it curved as if it were a part of the ship. It pointed toward the stern, and was bent, but it was so dark he could not distinguish the color. All the edges of the plating were rough. The compartment seemed to be about 2½ or 3 feet wide. Forward from this point he found a six-inch tank. It was intact, and was sent up. It proved to be a full tank. He found a lot of broken tanks split up on the seams, and came to one tank the cover of which had holes in it. He found a lot of mud, which was brought up, and which looked like dissolved powder. There was any quantity of similar mud in the same place. The mud around the tanks was black, that of the harbor is gray."

At the beginning of the thirteenth day's hearing Ensign Powelson was asked whether he had taken an angle which would show the position of the ram with regard to the keel of the ship. He said he had sent the diver down to make a lead line fast as near to the point of the ram as possible. He could not find the point of the ram, as it was in the mud, and he made a lead line fast to some weights along a ram plate at a distance which he estimated from the curve of the keel at that point and the stem of the ship to be about five feet abaft the ram point. The man was sent out to plumb this point on the ram plate. A diver was also sent down to make a line fast to the vertical keel where the broken place occurs at Frame 18. Mr. Powelson then got into the moat and plumbed the latter point, taking the angle between the plumb line of the armor plate and the centre of the aft funnel of the Maine.

A Mathematical Demonstration.

Recalled on March 15, he explained how he got the data for his sketches, which played such an important part in the work of the court. He said he sent divers down at various points along the line of the keel as it lay broken and twisted on the harbor bed. Then he got into a boat and located the points on the keel by a lead line. On the wreck he established stations at the mainmast, the port crane, the smokestack, &c., and from these bases he would get the bearing by angles of his lead line as it rested on the keel and other points of the wreckage under water. Thus he was able to plat a map of the wreck both above and below water that was mathematically correct. By comparing this with the original plans of the vessel, it was possible to tell just how much and in what direction any part of the Maine had been distorted by the explosion, without relying on under-water estimates by the divers.

WHAT DIVER OLSEN FOUND.

Plates Under the Bottom Blown Inboard and to Starboard.

Chief Gunner's Mate Olsen of the United States steamship Iowa told how he had been sent to Havana for the purpose of doing diving duty on the wreck. He had descended four times, making about eight or nine hours of total examination.

On his first descent he went over the forward part of the ship. To use his own expression, he said: "I found the wreck all blowed up. I found a lot of grate bars down there."

The second time he went down he went further forward, and there located a lot of ten-inch shells. Forward of these the plates were bent inboard over them. Asked if he imagined himself looking forward, he stated that he did. Going over plates he struck into a lot of six-inch shells with the slings on them. Going to the right he found a lot of wreckage. It seemed to have been blown over to starboard. Olsen stated that he put his hand into the cranks and brought out several six-pounder shells.

The next time he went down he went outside the ship, forward of the crane on the port side. He followed the bottom along and found that the ship's side was blown outboard, and alongside the crane it could be walked on.

"At the part where she is blown up completely," witness said, "part of her bottom plates are turned up. Then you follow the bottom from there up and the plates are blown outboard. At the top and underneath the bottom they are blown inboard and bent in. About three feet forward of that spot there is a piece of iron laid along the bulkhead. The skin of the inside of the double bottoms is curled like a sheet of paper inboard from stem to stern.

"Amidships on the same place there is an armor plate, one plate complete, the top of the plate standing up. The plate is inclined over to starboard completely. It stands up with the thick part of the plate down. It is inclined forward, and over to starboard."

Below this armor plate Olsen found everything completely blown away. "There is nothing but the bare bottom of the harbor mud."

Questioned closely by the court whether he found a hole blown in the ship, witness stated that in most places the plate is cracked off, spread in ragged edges. In three or four places the plates were bent in like a curve.

Questioned where he asked this witness to determine whether or no the corrugations on the outside of powder tanks found by witness were produced by an outside force pressing the grains of powder into the tank. In concluding the President of the court said:

"It does not look very probable that it is due to a pressure from the inside, but that it is due to a pressure from the outside."

On his re-examination on the thirteenth day Olsen stated that the ram plate which he could feel was fastened on the bow of the ship and extending from the ship about 10 or 12 inches, convex on the outside and extending fore and aft.

Cut Off at Frame 31.

He said that he could feel the bottom of the ship forward for ten frame spaces, but at Frame 31 he found her to be cut off entirely. This was as far as he could walk in the mud. He then went back to the point of beginning and counted six frame spaces forward or about Frame 35, and from there forward he found the frames blown up and open to starboard. At Frame 31 Olsen found the bilge keel and followed the break in amidships as far as he could. At the port bow he found a hawse pipe, but could not feel the chain. Underneath the keel he found scroll work on the bow of the ship and over the hawse pipe alluded to, but the chain was still missing. The appearance of the edge of the ship's bottom from Frame 41 to Frame 35, according to Olsen's testimony, is ragged going forward between the frames, but no ragged points tending in or out.

From Frame 31 to Frame 35, the ragged edge slopes in toward the keel. The appearance of things at Frame 35 would indicate that the ship's keel commences to be lifted at that point. He testified that he was able to get underneath the bottom of the ship forward at Frame 35. Technical details were then given by the chief gunner's mate as to the plating which is left on the keel at the frames above mentioned, which is interesting only to students of mathematics. Olsen stated that the steel part of the keel bilge was broken off, showing rough edges, and the wooden part extending forward of it ragged and torn in splinters. He found the bow of the ship on the starboard side and the ship was lying on the starboard side. The depth over the break of the keel at Frame 18 was found to be six feet, and was plumbed at the point where the keel plates are broken away from the bottom angle irons of the vertical keel. No wreckage was found on the port.

FOUND A HOLE IN THE MUD.

Excavation Beneath the Ship's Bottom Under the Break.

Gunner's Mate Smith told of three trips down in diving dress on Feb. 28. During one of these he located the break in the keel where the ship's back was broken by the explosion. He there found a hole in the bottom of the harbor about seven feet deep and seven feet in diameter. The mud in the bottom of this hole was harder than elsewhere, and one did not sink over eighteen inches in it. In this hole he found a tin about 20 by 10 inches. "There was a place in it with a big square hole where a gasket had been," he said, "and I sent it up to Mr. Powelson."

He did not find the forward turret, but it was missing from the place where it belonged.

The importance of this testimony caused it to be gone over and over again, and additional questions along the line already indicated were put, but they only served to point out more clearly that abreast of the six-inch shell room the whole side of the ship had disappeared from the harbor bed to water line and the edges of the rent were turned inward. Further, the ten-inch magazine had not exploded.

On the twelfth day the same witness, continuing his statement, said he found the bottom plates broken, with the edges pushed in. He located a circular hole between the sixth and seventh frame from the water's edge down. Later, when he went down to examine the keel, he found a hole in the mud about seven feet deep and the same in diameter. He was about under the forward V-shaped plate on the port side of the ship. In this hole he found a tin twenty inches long and ten inches square. Later he found the forward boiler on the port side in good condition.

Smith described his explorations in much detail. On his first descent, which landed him in the ten inch shell room, he found the shells there in good order, most of them nose up, but some toppled over by the shock of the explosion, which had wrecked the woodwork of the magazine and blown the aft bulkhead over from port to starboard. He crawled over this bulkhead, and down behind it found a ten-inch powder tank, bent and dented, but not exploded. It was intact with powder and cartridge bags.

On his next descent he went down from the port crane, following the side of the ship down till he struck plates that were blown from port to starboard in board. He followed these plates down till he came to the six-inch slings used for sending shells out of the shellroom. They were lying with their noses pointing to starboard.

Walked Out into the Mud.

The forward part of the six-inch reserve magazine seemed to him to have been blown away altogether. The ragged edges of the steel floor to the shellroom were turned up and Smith walked over them out into the mud.

Coming back from his trip into the outer submarine world, the diver came across a lot of six-pounder shells and shell cases, some of them not even broken away from the shells. They were sent up to the deck of the lighter. There was also some of the apparatus for charging the air chambers of the torpedo.

Lying across the middle of the ten-inch shellroom he found an armor plate that had been torn away from the ship's side. These plates taper toward the bottom, and are thus easy to distinguish. The plate on being ripped loose by the explosion went turned a complete somersault and landed with the thick edge in the mud and the plate leaning obliquely over the wreck of the shell room. There were six-inch powder tanks scattered over the ten-inch shell room, most of them split. A number of them were sent up, but more remained.

Some of the tanks were still painted with excelsior on the bottom. Others were torn in fragments.

The third time Smith was down he landed in the ten-inch shellroom, and tried to get forward to the ten-inch magazine, but found he make little headway, as everything seemed to be blown down in that direction. He found much fixed ammunition intact.

On his fourth trip down he slid down the outside of the ship by the port crane. The skin of the ship, he said, is in good condition till you come to the jagged openings leading into the six-inch shellroom, before mentioned. Here the steel edges are blown inward. Crawling into the hole, he felt the double bottom and the jagged edges of the cement turned up.

He described in detail the ten-inch shells found here, none of them apparently exploded, but the soldered seams were split and the cases flattened. Some lids were to be found.

"You say you never reached the forward six-inch magazine shell room? Suppose I were to tell you there were no six-inch shells in that reserve magazine, how would you account for the sixinch shell you found there?"

Answer—They had been blown from the forward one.

Question—Blown off?

Answer—Yes, Sir.

Witness was questioned very closely as to the plates that he found blown inward and whether they might not have been pulled back, but he insisted that they were the outside skin of the ship near the bottom and located them accurately on the plans about the middle of the six-inch shellroom, where "in a big circle there is none of the outside of the ship left at all."

He said he had not been into the ten-inch magazine on the starboard, which was buried under a mass of wreckage.

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Plates Broken In, but Powder Tanks Had Not Exploded.

Gunner's Mate Carl Rundquist, one of the divers, said he went down in the after part of the ten-inch magazine and found a lot of empty ten-inch powder tanks—dozens of them, with pieces blown in all directions. They did not look as if they had been exploded by a charge inside. It looked as if a pressure from the outside had opened them up. The ragged edges of the ship were bent in board. The bottom of the ship was all blown up. He found a hole in the bottom of the ship. Looked as if it was blown up from the outside, "because no explosive from the inside could make a hole like that. The pieces of armor plate also showed they were blown from the outside, from the way they were bent.

On the eleventh day he testified to the progress of his exploration. He went down March 1 on the port side and found the berth deck sloping aft to starboard. There was coal several feet deep just forward of the crane. None of it had been blown out of the ship on that side. He also found a 10-inch tank, and powder bags were torn up. He also found a bunch of wires, "about fifty of them in a bunch." In the afternoon he went down in the same place and found the break where the armor plate ended. Here he found a long string of heavy wire fifteen feet long. Asked as to the condition of the backing of the armor he replied: The end was all twisted and torn, and had ragged edges, and then they all looked and pointed inboard. I also examined the upper part of the backing and found the inside corner gone."

Q.—Then there was no plate of the ship under the armor plate?

A.—This was just at the first break of the armor belt, and there was no plate left underneath. There was nothing of the ship's side left."

Continuing, he described how he found tanks all pressed in, tanks and pieces of tanks all around, and black mud. He found ten-inch tanks. The next day Rundquist went down on the starboard side and found a break "a good way forward."

"This break," he said, "was vertical and with ragged edges. The corner of the lower edge of the ram plate was nearly doubled over and bent outward. I got the same plate and found lots of backing extending out five or six feet. This backing was all pointed out board."

CONSUL GENERAL LEE.

Spanish Officials Objected to the Coming of the Maine.

Consul General Fitzhugh Lee appeared before the court on March 8. His testimony related to the official formalities preceding the Maine's arrival. On Jan. 24 he received a message from the State Department saying that the Maine would be sent to Havana on a friendly visit to resume the regular status of naval relations between the two countries, and he was ordered to make arrangements at the palace for the interchange of official courtesies. After a call at the palace he sent the State Department a cipher message, saying:

"Authorities profess to think the United States has ulterior purposes in sending the ship. Say it will obstruct autonomy and produce excitement and most probably a demonstration. Ask that it be not done till they can get instructions from Madrid. Say that if for friendly purpose as claimed, delay is unimportant."

It was too late, however, the Maine had already sailed. She arrived next day, and Gen. Lee reported her arrival to the State Department.

EXPERT SAYS A MINE DID IT.

Commander Converse Speaks Very Positively Under Oath.

Commander G. A. Converse of the navy, summoned as a witness, testified he had made a study of the nature and effects of explosives. The largest quantity of explosives he had ever seen used consisted of a torpedo containing 300 pounds of gunpowder and 200 pounds of dynamite, all in separate cases, 100 pounds in each case, securely lashed together. Being shown a blueprint of the forward magazine and shellroom of the Maine, and asked if one or more of those should explode or partially explode it would lift the forward part of the ship partly out of the water, he replied that he did not think it would.

After a long description of the effect of torpedoes, he was asked what his experience was in the case of the explosion of submarine mines; as to what became of the mines. He replied that they are almost invariably ruptured and lost; blown up, and pieces of them are rarely found. His experience did not allow him to remember a case where he saw any considerable pieces remaining after a submarine mine or its free case after explosion. On one or two occasions small fragments of cast iron thrown into a boat indicated complete demolition of the case containing the explosive.

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part of the ship would be similarly demolished." He replied that the violent explosive that a hole in the ship, blowing out [illegible] that was cut in small fragments. [illegible]hown sketches of the forward magazine and asked if their explosion or partial [illegible]n would leave the bottom of the [illegible] in the condition it was in as shown [illegible] sketches, he stated that the distortion [illegible] of the keel of the Maine was too far [illegible] and too remote from the magazine [illegible]e been caused by their explosion.

[illegible]as of the opinion that the bending of [illegible]plates on the bottom of the Maine could [illegible]e produced by the explosion of a submarine [illegible]mine containing a large amount of the low-[illegible]er explosives—gunpowder or similar—not in contact with the ship, but some distance below it, perhaps on the bottom. Continuing, he said that he had never in his experience seen any interior explosion that was possible to produce the effect upon the Maine.

Do you think that necessarily there must have been an under-water mine to produce [illegible] explosions?"

"Indications are that an under-water explosion produced the conditions there," was the reply. With further statement regarding the impossibility in his opinion of an in-

[illegible] BLAST ALL DOUBT.

[illegible], Holman Recognized the Sound as That of a Mine.

[illegible]ant George M. F. Holman, who performed the duty of navigator and ordnance officer and was in charge of the electric [illegible], testified that all possible precautions were taken to prevent accident. The temperature of the magazines was taken daily. [illegible] or 160 tanks of powder were [illegible] in the forward ten-inch magazine, representing seventy-five or eighty tons. The electric wires were separated [illegible] the magazine by a double plate [illegible] between the two plates.

[illegible] shook the frame violently, seemed to be a low, heavy grumbling, followed by a booming explosion.

[illegible] was precisely similar to many other explosions that I have heard, except that it was on a larger scale. The explosion always gives out a sharp report. The vibration was transmitted by the water, the report by the air. The lights were put out and immediately I was impressed with the fact that the electrical appliances had failed. I called to the men: 'We have been torpedoed! Get up on deck!'"

The Examiner referred to Holman's large experience in matters of explosives, and asked his impression of the whole affair. He said: "My impression, not yet verified by divers' findings, is that a very heavy mine went off under the Maine's bottom. The noise produced by a heavy mine would be great in itself, and adding to the second explosion would make the two practically one and the same explosion. From the noise alone, I could not tell whether the magazines also went off."

The ordinary temperature of the dynamo room, he said, was not far from 90 degrees. A serious rise in the temperature of Coal Bunker A 16, which abutted on a portion of the dynamo room, would not have been noticed unless it set fire to the woodwork in the bulkhead. He could conceive that such a necessarily high temperature, equal to igniting coal or wood, would manifest itself in the temperature of the dynamo room.

MORGAN IN A MAGAZINE.

Powder Had Not Exploded, but the Compartment Caved In.

On Feb. 24 Chief Gunner Charles Morgan, who was in charge of the divers, was called. On first going down in diving dress, he said, he landed in a mass of split and broken powder tanks of six and ten inch ammunition. He found what he thought was the ceiling and sides of the magazine. The powder tanks were split and crushed, some with the heads knocked off, and most of them empty. There were twenty or twenty-five in all. They did not seem to have exploded, but, being crushed open, the powder had oozed out by the action of the water. All the frames and plates found had a list to starboard. The hold at this point was open [illegible] outside of the harbor, and, walking [illegible], he fell on it in what seemed to [illegible] the same hole in the mud described by Smith. Morgan did not estimate [illegible] of the hole beyond saying the sides sloped and it was "over waist deep."

Morgan said that some of the powder tanks had parts of the cartridge bags in them. He did not personally find any tanks that were wholly intact with the powder in them. Men working under him found four six-inch shells and a ten-inch shell. These powder tanks were mixed up with the debris. No wires and accumulators that belonged to the hydraulic rooms were found over the magazine. Morgan was quite certain he had gotten down into the magazine itself and that the electrical appliances had failed.

Precautions Against Combustion.

Passed Assistant Engineer Bowers, senior assistant engineer to the Chief, was examined particularly as to the precautions taken on board the Maine against spontaneous combustion. He said the order had been to inspect the bunkers every day and log it. In the case of the bunkers that had an escape door, they had always opened these doors. He was on duty on the day before the explosion. The coal in Bunker A16 had been stored either in Norfolk or Newport News. There were about forty tons of it, and it was soft coal. The bunkers immediately after were empty. The door leading from the bunker to the ten-inch lodge room was kept closed.

As to the condition of the after boilers, he said they were practically banked and were in good condition. The safety valves blow at about 180 pounds, and only 80 to 100 were carried for auxiliary purposes. They had the usual thermostats in the bunkers, but as these instruments did not work very well the bunkers were examined daily by feeling.

Mr. Bowers said there had never been a fire from spontaneous combustion in the bunkers. They had once thought they had such a fire, but it was from a leaky exhaust pipe from the ice machine.

The Coal Bunkers Described.

Chief Engineer Charles P. Howell, United States Navy, who joined the Maine in December, 1895, on the third day described the location of the various magazines on the Maine and the coal bunkers, and showed by diagrams their proximity to each other. Two bunkers were adjacent to the ten-inch magazine. One of these bunkers, A 15, was difficult to put coal into or take it out of. A 16 was also difficult in the same way, as four other bunkers had to be emptied before it could be reached. He had never found any signs of heating in the bunkers. Bunker A 15 was half full of coal at the time of the explosion, and A 16 full. Any spontaneous combustion in the bunker would have been undoubtedly felt by people going to and fro in the passing room. There was no steam piping in dangerous proximity to the Maine's magazines.

Assistant Engineer Morris and a watch of reliable men were on duty when the Maine was wrecked. The witness said he was in the wardroom—messroom—when the explosion occurred.

"I was suddenly startled with an unusual shock," he said. "There was then a continued series of convulsions and a noise like the tearing of the ship to pieces, then a tremendous crash, then apparently a sound of falling debris. Then the ship felt as if it was waving and unsteady on the deck."

Examined in detail by Capt. Sigsbee, Chief Engineer Howell further explained the impossibility of the coal in the bunkers heating to any extent sufficient to fire a magazine without such condition being known long before such a result could be reached.

Shellrooms and Magazines Safe.

Lieut. John Hood, senior watch officer in charge of the powder division, said he had inspected the magazines and shellrooms, and there was nothing stored there contrary to the ordnance regulations. He was absolutely sure, he said, that on the night of the explosion "there was nothing being done beyond the ordinary work down there." These rooms had only been opened on the day of the explosion to take the temperature.

Mr. Hood was Officer of the Deck part of the time, and while acting in that capacity he had not noticed any hostile demonstration afloat, in the way of boats approaching the ship. He felt the explosion rather than heard it. It sounded and felt like an underwater explosion, and he was at the time under the impression that it came from the starboard forward. There were two explosions, following closely. Immediately following the fall of objects he saw the water in a foam, much wreckage and many groaning men. The first explosion was as if something had exploded under the vessel. He was sitting far aft. At the second explosion there was an upshoot of flame. His belief is that the whole of the forward part of the superstructure, that is now lying on the starboard gangway, was in the air when the second explosion occurred. The second explosion occurred on the starboard side.

Confirming Capt. Sigsbee.

Lieut. Commander Richard Wainwright testified that the regulations in regard to paints and inflammables and all other precautions were strictly carried out on board ship. Every possible care was taken to avoid accident. All visitors were scrutinized before being allowed to come on board the ship. Nobody was allowed unaccompanied. Special "lookouts" were required at night. No unauthorized boats were allowed to approach the ship.

There was excellent discipline after the explosion. Orders were followed with the promptness of a drill. The only order not obeyed was the order to leave the ship. He first examined the wreck at daylight the following morning. He took a gig with Lieut. Hood and a few men and attempted to board the wreck. He was warned off by an armed boat's crew of Spaniards and then pulled around the wreck. There were still some burning fragments.

He affirmed the statement made by Capt. Sigsbee that the torpedoes had not been disturbed, and stated that there had been, to his knowledge, no large transfer of ammunition from the magazine into another on board the Maine.

The Officer of the Watch.

Lieut. John J. Blandin, who was watch officer on the deck of the Maine the night of the disaster, testified that the quarter watch was on watch all night. When he took the deck at 8 P. M., everything was in normal condition. Just before the explosion occurred he looked over the port side, but noticed nothing. There were fewer boats in sight than usual. He was standing on the port side of the deck, just abaft the after turret, talking to Lieut. Hood, when the explosion occurred. He thinks there were two explosions.

As he went forward something struck him on the head, nearly knocking him down. He reported to Capt. Sigsbee, who ordered the boats lowered. Mr. Wainwright reported to the Captain that it was useless to try to do anything. A few minutes later Capt. Sigsbee gave the order to abandon ship. The impression of the witness was that the explosion occurred on the port side forward. He saw a flare, but no actual flames. He couldn't locate definitely the explosion.

He saw no water thrown up by the explosion. Within a minute after the explosion the forward part of the ship was under water. In less than three minutes she was on the bottom. Although he was impressed by the idea that there were two explosions, he could not discover the difference between them. He noticed no upheaval of the ship.

Not a Ripple on the Water.

Private Edward McKay testified that he was on watch on the starboard side at the time of the explosion. He was at the time looking over the side of the ship to see if there were any boats around.

"There did not seem to be a ripple on the water," he said. "There was not a boat in sight. I did not have to challenge a boat that night. All at once, as I was looking over, there came a flash of fire which hit me in the face and knocked me almost half way across the deck. The explosion came immediately afterward."

There was but one explosion, he said, and it came after the first shock. Explaining further, McKay said the ship seemed to rise up in the water and tip over to the port side.

The Gallant Marine.

Private William Anthony of the United States Marine Corps, whose calmness at the time of the explosion in reporting to Capt. Sigsbee has become the theme of admiration throughout the world, was the next witness. He testified that he had the first watch, from 8 to 12 o'clock, on the night of the explosion. There was drill that day, and it was not necessary to open the magazines. In response to questions Private Anthony told his story.

"I was standing on the main deck just outside the door on the starboard side. I first noticed a trembling and buckling of the decks, and then this prolonged roar—not a short report, but a prolonged roar. The awnings were spread, and where the wing awning and the quarterdeck awning should join there was a space of at least eighteen inches. I looked out and saw an immense sheet of flame, and then I started in to warn the Captain."

"Did you notice any perceptible rise to the ship at the first shock?"

"At the first shock the ship instantly—that is, the quarterdeck, where I was standing—lipped forward and to port, just like

Witness said the quarter of flame he saw was well forward, in front of the superstructure. I could see the debris going up with it. I do not know what it was, but I saw firebrands going up.

"Was it on the port or starboard side?"

"It looked more to port than it did to starboard. It looked like it covered the whole ship. It was an immense glare that illuminated the whole heavens for the moment, as much as I could see for the awnings."

"Did you see any water within it?"

"I did not notice that, sir. I started in the cabin at once."

Chaplain Chidwick Saw Little.

Chaplain John P. Chidwick of the Maine was in his room on board the night of the occurrence. He said:

"I heard a loud report and everything at once became dark. The lights went out and there was a crushing sound of things falling. I rushed on deck and got to the Captain's poop, where I saw the Captain giving his orders. After trying to cheer up the men who were crying out in the water for help, I was ordered by Lieut. Jungen to go into a boat, which I did. We rowed around the ship and picked up one man. Then, at the orders of the Captain, we pulled for the City of Washington."

Asked how many shocks he felt, witness said he remembered only one.

Lieut. Jenkins's Last Moments.

Mess attendant John H. Tarpin was the last man who saw Lieut. Jenkins. He said it was a jarring explosion, "just one solid explosion and the ship heaved and lifted and then all was dark." Tarpin met Lieut. Jenkins in the messroom, and by that time the water was up to his waist and running aft. It was dark and Mr. Jenkins asked him twice "Which way?" to which he had responded that he did not know.

When Jenkins called the last time the water was up to his breast. Mr. Jenkins started forward, and then the whole compartment lit up. "That whole compartment where the torpedoes were lit right up and I saw Mr. Jenkins throw up both hands and fall right by the steerage pantry."

The System of Inspections.

Lieut. A. W. Catlin, who was in charge of the marine guard, said that when the ship went into Havana Harbor two extra night sentinels were put on, one in the forecastle and one in the poop, armed with rifles. They had special orders to challenge all boats which approached the ship near enough for a challenge. There was a picked man on the port gangway. The Corporal's guard inspected the ship lights below every half hour, the patrol taking his place while gone.

Mr. Catlin said he visited the sentries twice every night, once before and once after midnight, while in the harbor at Havana, and always found them vigilant and attending to business.

He was sitting in his room at the time of the explosion. He heard a dull sound, a loud concussion, and felt the shaking of the ship. The lights went out and he went on deck and as he did so the whole heavens were full of sparks. There was no flame and he felt but the one shock.

City of Washington Trembled.

Capt. Frank Stevens of the City of Washington testified that he was standing amidship of his ship, where he could look toward the Maine, when she was blown up. He heard a dull, muffled explosion and commotion, as though it was under the water, followed immediately by a terrific explosion, lighting up the sky with a dull red glare and filling the air with flying missiles, which fell all around him.

He felt a trembling of his ship at the last of the explosions on the Maine. There was a decided interval between the first noise and the explosion. He was not standing where he could see the Maine lift.

Saw the Ship Rise and Fall.

Louis Wertheimer, a tobacco dealer of New York, who was a passenger on the steamer City of Washington, in Havana Harbor, on the night of the blowing up of the Maine, said that at the moment of the explosion he was in the stern of the Washington, and was looking directly at the battleship when the explosion occurred. "I heard a report," said Mr. Wertheimer, "and at an interval of anywhere from five to fifteen seconds following the first report came a great explosion. In the burst of flame which followed I clearly and plainly saw the vessel rise up in the water apparently and then settle down before the light of the explosion went out. The whole thing was over so quickly that I could not hazard a guess at the length of time."

Sigmond Rothchild, also a passenger on the City of Washington, was with Mr. Wertheimer. He said there was the sound like a cannon shot in the darkness. He immediately looked toward the Maine. He saw the forward end of the vessel rise, he thought, a couple of feet out of the water. An instant later came a second distinct explosion.

This seemed to burst from the interior of the vessel forward in a dull flame and the air was instantly filled with flying debris. The vessel lurched back in the water after the force of the first detonation that had lifted her bow, and quickly began to sink forward. In less than a minute her bow had disappeared.

A Mysterious Witness.

A witness was introduced whose name was suppressed by agreement between him and the court. He had to talk through an interpreter. This witness was crossing about 7:30 on the morning of the 15th from Havana to Regias, on a ferryboat. He was sitting near three Spanish officers, two of the army, one of the navy, and a citizen. They were talking about the Maine.

One of the army officers said: "That is nearly arranged." The citizen asked if making explosions in the bay would not endanger Havana. The officers said "No." It was so that it would simply explode, open the vessel, and she would sink immediately. The other man joyously exclaimed: "I will take plenty of beer on that occasion." Some one came by and they suddenly stopped the conversation. They had said it was a shame she (the Maine) should be in the bay, and they would blow her up, anyhow.

An Anonymous Letter.

Henry Draine, a clerk in the United States Consulate, Havana, was examined as to the receipt of an anonymous letter received by the Consul General in regard to the explosion of the Maine. Witness produced the letter, the date of which was Feb. 18, of the present year. There was no signature, it being signed "An Admirer." Draine said it seemed to be the document of a fairly well educated man.

It was written in Spanish. The translation was produced, and was handed to the Judge Advocate and read by him. The letter was appended to the record and marked "F." In response to the question as to whether anything had been done to ascertain the truth of the statements contained in the letter, witness said that he had asked Gen. Lee to look into the matter, and he did not appear to know what to do, stating he had no secret service money.

A man by the name of Pepe Taco was mentioned in the letter. The witness said he had tried to discover the whereabouts of the man and the one to whom he spoke said the name was a mistake, and that the man mentioned had died a few days before the explosion of the Maine and that the letter referred to a Pepe Barquin, but that he also had died suddenly about two or three days before the explosion of the Maine. The witness declared that his informant was Mr. Charles Carbonnell, an American citizen.

More Evidence of Officers.

Lieut. Carl W. Jungen testified that all the ammunition was properly stowed the night of the explosion. He said, however, that there was an extra supply of ten-inch shells in the loading and passing room, which had been gotten ready for immediate use the night we started over for Havana from Tortugas." He considered Neilson, in charge of the hold, a reliable man.

He was in the mess room talking to Mr. Jenkins and Mr. Holman when the explosion occurred. He described the explosion as a "dull, deafening roar, followed immediately by a tremendous crash; and it seemed as though the whole ship was going to pieces. Lieut. Holman jumped up and remarked, 'We have all been torpedoed,' which was the general impression we all had."

Naval Constructor J. B. Hoover's testimony was very technical, describing the various parts of the ship by number of frame and section. Summed up it was that the

Some Fear that the Far Eastern Question Will Divert the Powers' Attention.

THE MADRID PRESS COMMENTS

Succor to the Cubans Should be Confided to the Spanish Red Cross—Sagasta Denies the Story of the Relief Note.

MADRID, March 28.—The official newspapers are somewhat optimistic in their references to the "solution of the Cuban difficulty," although they emphasize the opinion that the recrudescence of the Far Eastern question is unfavorable to Spain, "as diverting the attention of the European powers."

The Imparcial and the Liberal to-day agree in saying that the mediation of the European powers will be difficult, in view of the crisis in the Far East, adding:

"Anyway, Spain is able herself to resent insults and repudiate unjust pretension."

The Liberal also says: "If the United States desires to succor the Cubans the simplest means is to confide the mission to the Spanish Red Cross, which was recently helped in the same object by France, Russia, Hungary, Portugal, Venezuela, and Argentina. The Spanish Red Cross is well organized in Cuba, besides many members are ready to go there from Spain if necessary.

"However, if the United States wants war let her say so frankly and not seek charitable or humanitarian excuses."

The Diario quotes the Minister for the Colonies, Señor Moret, as replying to a question of the Minister of Marine, Admiral Bermejo, with the remark: "The storm continues, but the barometer is rising."

This is regarded as meaning that the situation is not so unfavorable to Spain as it was.

Señor Sagasta, the Premier, declares the Spanish Government has not sent a note to the Government of the United States on the subject of the relief of the Cubans.

The rumors current recently as to the possible assistance Spain might obtain in Europe have received no official confirmation. The public remains calm; but there is considerable latent irritation against the Government for having given the United States time and opportunity to prepare themselves for defense and to buy warships which, it is alleged, by a little timely energy Spain herself could have secured.

It is also argued that the Government ought to have taken care to have a big squadron already in Cuban waters. If this had been done, the people say, America would not have dared defy Spain.

The Archbishop of Grenada has issued a pastoral exhorting the people to rally round the "banner of faith, which is always that of the Spanish motherland," and "forgetting all discord, to form a single body for the common defense." He adds: "Spain has still occult energies which in the days of Napoleon, by a victory which surprised Europe, laid the foundation for the prison of St. Helena. Let not our present misfortunes dismay us. The genius of Spain lives in her sons."

LONDON, March 29.—The special dispatches from Madrid show that the press there does not yet reflect the more peaceful feeling of New York. The Heraldo says: "If we must resort to Quixotism, let's do it. The sooner the better; before the Yankee can gain ground over us."

The Liberal admits that "the day of trial has come for Spain," but says: "Having worked for conciliation with all our might, we won't retreat one line."

The Epoca says: "Diplomacy has not yet said the last word, but it is our duty to prepare even for war."

The Carlist organ, the Correo Español, says: "These are the moments when our people should show that our glorious traditions of patriotism and war have not lost ground, and that we are still a nation of heroes and martyrs."

The Nacional, the mouthpiece of the Weylerist faction, thinks the conflict cannot be prevented, and that the Government ought to act quickly.

THE FEELING IN HAVANA.

One Journal Says the Note to Spain Is a Declaration of War—Gen. Lee Talks.

HAVANA, March 28.—Deep interest is felt here in the news received to-day from the United States. The Lucha, in an editorial, says:

"The United States note to Spain, demanding that a date be fixed to end the hostilities, is simply a declaration of war. It was not issued until after the finding of the United States court of inquiry had been received, which finding is without scientific basis, and is open to question even upon the part of the most prejudiced. President McKinley has been forced by jingo opinion and the sensational newspaper press to close the debate on the question and to shield Capt. Sigsbee, who is one of the most popular officers in the United States Navy.

"It was needless to send the Maine to Havana, as American interests were amply protected by Gen. Lee and also by the Cuban Government, the latter often acting to its disadvantage and in favor of American interests."

Continuing, the Lucha remarks: "It is well for Spain to know at last the real purpose of the money-loving Americans. Spain now knows what to expect and how to act."

The Lucha then warns the United States that if they expect to have all their own way in Cuba "they can only do so with cannon."

In conclusion the Lucha says: "The United States is rich and Spain is poor; but the end of the war may find Spain with a good portion of American money."

The Lucha also quotes Gen. Lee as denying the report published in Madrid, which was to the effect that he was connected with the alleged syndicate whose purpose is said to be the purchase of Cuba. The Consul General says, according to the Lucha, that he attends only to the interests of Americans, never mixes with outside matters, and never had any communication with the insurgents, except when he tried to save the life of the late Lieut. Col. Ruiz, which step was taken with the consent of Capt. Gen. Blanco.

In conclusion Gen. Lee is quoted as expressing the hope that peace will prevail and that all the questions in dispute will be arranged to the best interests of both nations.

About 700 troops arrived here to-day from Spain.

WOODFORD CONFERS WITH GULLON.

A Paragraph from the Board of Inquiry's Court Discussed in Madrid.

MADRID, March 28—Midnight.—United States Minister Woodford had an important conference this evening with Señor Gullon, the Foreign Minister, and communicated to him an extract from the report of the American board of inquiry into the Maine disaster.

To-morrow Gen. Woodford will confer with the Premier, Señor Sagasta, and Señores Gullon and Moret, the Foreign and Colonial Ministers.

SAGASTA'S TRIUMPH AT THE POLLS.

Returns Show 192 Ministerialists and 46 Conservatives Elected.

MADRID, March 28.—The latest election returns show that 192 Ministerialists, 46 Conservatives, 7 Romeristas, 15 Republicans, and 8 Carlists have been elected.

Advices from Havana show that four Autonomists and two Conservatives have been returned.

BARCELONA, March 28.—As a result of the elections here yesterday to fill six vacancies in the Cortes, three Monarchists and three Republicans have been returned. An Anarchist candidate was ignominiously defeated. The Liberals obtained all the seats in the province except one, for which a Catalan home ruler was returned.

SPAIN BUYING WESTERN MULES.

Agents Purchase Over 600 Animals for the Army in Cuba.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 28.—Señor Julian Ascue, an agent of the Spanish Government from Havana, and Antonio Maestra, of St. Louis are in the Kansas City market purchasing mules for the Spanish Army. They have practically cleaned the market of medium-sized mules, having pur-

SPAIN BUYS THE YACHT GIRALDA.

LONDON, March 28.—A London broker who had an option on Mr. H. L. B. McClamont's steel yacht Giralda informs a correspondent of The Associated Press that she was sold to-day to Spain for about £60,000, ($300,000.

She is now at Barcelona. Last week she was offered to the United States Government, but was declined. She was built under the supervision of the British Admiralty and fitted for eight guns. She now carries two Maxims and two Hotchkiss guns, and can cross the ocean at a speed of twenty-two knots.

ALFRED AUSTIN'S POEM.

Poet Laureate Records a Feeling in Favor of an Entente.

LONDON, March 29.—All the morning papers give prominence to a poem by Mr. Alfred Austin, the Poet Laureate, which appears under a brief extract from a New York dispatch recording a feeling in favor of an Anglo-American entente. The poem is as follows:

What is the voice I hear
On the wind of the Western Sea?
Sentinel, listen from out Cape Clear,
And say what the voice may be.
'Tis a proud, free people calling loud to a people proud and free.

"And it says to them 'Kinsmen, hail!
We severed have been too long.
Now let us have done with a worn-out tale—
The tale of an ancient wrong;
And our friendship last long as Love doth last, and be stronger than Death is strong.'"

Answer them, sons of the self-same race,
And blood of the self-same clan.
Let us speak with each other face to face,
And answer as man to man;
And loyally love and trust each other
As none but free men can.

Now fling them out to the breeze—
Shamrock, thistle, and rose;
And the Star-Spangled Banner unfurl with these—
A message to friends and foes,
Wherever the sails of peace are seen
And wherever the warwinte blows.

As message to bond and thrall to wake;
For, wherever we come, we twain,
The throne of the tyrant shall rock and quake,
And his menace be void and vain.
For you are lords of a strong, young land,
And we are lords of the main.

Yes, this is the voice on the bluff March gale:
"We severed have been too long."
But now we have done with a worn-out tale
The tale of an ancient wrong;
And our friendship last long as Love doth last,
And be stronger than Death is strong.

Hypnotic Wonders.

No one need go to Paris now to see all that is marvelous in hypnotism. In the hypnotic wards of many hospitals of this country are hypnotic subjects that is mere pliance, it is said, throws them into the trance state. But in order to overcome that obstinate kidney trouble, the persistent use of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters is necessary. Use it also systematically for malarial, bilious, dyspeptic, rheumatic, and nervous diseases.

OUR NEGOTIATIONS WITH SPAIN.

London Daily Mail's Version Differs from that of The Standard.

LONDON, March 29.—The Madrid correspondent of The Daily Mail gives a version of the negotiations between United States Minister Woodford and the Spanish Cabinet last week, differing somewhat from that given yesterday by The Standard's Madrid correspondent. He says:

"The note which Gen. Woodford presented on Wednesday was of a commissatory nature. It demanded that Spain put an end to the war in Cuba immediately, recapitulating the damage done to American interests, and further hinting that the war was a danger to the public health of the United States, the continual smuggling between the coasts of Cuba and Florida being the means of conveying the yellow jack.

"Spain's reply was energetic. It declared that the war would have been ended long ago but for the material and moral help and support the rebels were continually receiving from the United States. The Spanish note complained of the policy followed by the United States in demanding from Spain the termination of a war which the United States was virtually maintaining by the presence of a squadron in the neighborhood of Cuba and by organizing succor for the reconcentrados in a manner that would be offensive to any nation, as well as by keeping in Havana a Consul who is publicly the agent and representative of the rebels.

"Public opinion rejects all idea of yielding and apparently neither desires nor fears war with the United States. Yet Spain knows she is confronted with the most serious conflict she has had to face since the Napoleonic wars. There is an ominous absence of excitement among the people, whose one topic is the possibility of war. It is the calm before a storm, which will break when the American ultimatum comes."

Spanish Fours Advance.

LONDON, March 28.—On the street American securities were booming at one to three points higher.

The sum of £375,000 ($1,875,000) in gold has just arrived from South Africa and has been sold at 77s. 10½d. for America.

Spanish fours on the Stock Exchange to-day opened lower, at 49¼, further declined to 48¾, but reacted to 50⅛. They closed at 50. The closing price on Saturday was 49¾. They advanced to 50⅝ after the closing of the market to-day.

PARIS, March 28.—On the Bourse to-day Spanish fours were quoted at 49¾, against 48⅝ on Saturday. After the close of the Bourse they were quoted at 50¼.

BARCELONA, March 28.—Spanish fours on the Bourse to-day were quoted at 68.75 against 78.00, the closing price on Saturday.

British Reserve Ship at Havana.

HAVANA, March 28.—The British steam yacht Rhouma, Capt. Hamilton, flying the British Naval Reserve ensign, came into port this morning from Bermuda.

AERONAUT OFFERS HIS SERVICES.

Thomas Cannon of St. Louis Wants to Help in Case of War.

ST. LOUIS, March 28.—Thos. Cannon, the well-known St. Louis aeronaut, has written a letter to the President offering his services in balloons in the event of war. He says that balloons could be made captive and sent up to a height of 15,000 feet and with a telegraph instrument could report the movement of the enemies' boats and troops while the air resistance would make the balloons safe from attack.

He has two intrepid men who will go with him and be provided with dynamite shells, to be dropped upon a ship or among the troops. He says that a balloon can be easily and safely regulated so that no danger is attached to its occupants. Cannon says that he has the balloons, and all he wants in event of hostilities is the sanction of the President.

CENSURE FOR THE [illegible]

Effort to Table a [illegible] Chicago Council.

CHICAGO, March 28.—In the Council to-night Alderman Powers presented a resolution censuring President McKinley for holding in his message that a money indemnity would be sufficient reparation for the loss of the Maine and declaring that the people of Chicago will support materially and morally any action Congress may take. A motion to table the resolution was lost by a vote of 27 to 25.

It was then referred to the Judiciary Committee.

MR. CLEVELAND APPROVES.

The ex-President Indorses the Action of Our Government.

PRINCETON, N. J., March 28.—Ex-President Cleveland, after reading the report of the Maine inquiry board, the message of the President, and other developments in the Cuban matter in the evening papers to-night, expressed himself as believing that the Government was taking the right course.

When asked if he thought the Cubans would agree to the proposition of the United States, he replied simply: "Yes." Mr. Cleveland would not say whether or not he considered the day's events the beginning of the end either toward peace or war.

Red Bank's Troop Under Orders.

RED BANK, N. J., March 28.—The Second Troop, N. G. N. J., has been ordered to prepare for service and to expect not more than twenty-four hours' warning. The Signal Corps has been notified to be in readiness for service. The troop has been ordered to extra drills.

Brooklyn Sailors Ordered Out.

Assistant Secretary Roosevelt has ordered Commander Stayton of the Second Naval Battalion of Brooklyn to send four officers and one seaman early this morning to the League Island Navy Yard, Philadelphia, to make ready either the monitor Jason or the monitor Nahant, for a trip to this harbor. On Friday 100 men of the battalion will go to Philadelphia and bring her up and anchor off Conover Street, Brooklyn. There the men will report for drill every evening. The monitor the Second Battalion does not take will be brought up by the First Battalion. The Chief Engineer of the party leaving to-day will be R. E. Hall.

Second Jersey Division in Arms.

CAMDEN, N. J., March 28.—The naval reserves of New Jersey, second division, were ordered on board the monitor Ajax, lying at this place, to-night. The officers expect orders at any hour either to move the Ajax or transfer some of the men to one of the monitors at League Island.

NEWARK CITY NOMINATIONS.

Mayor Seymour Again Chosen—Cuban Support Pledged.

NEWARK, N. J., March 28.—The Democratic City Convention for the nomination of candidates for Mayor, Commissioner of the Board of Public Works, and Trustees of the City Home, was held in the Krueger Auditorium to-night, and it proved to be one of the most enthusiastic gatherings of Democrats that have been seen in this city in many years. Mayor Seymour was renominated by acclamation, and Joseph M. Byrne was nominated for Commissioner of the Board of Public Works.

In the platform adopted, the convention extended its sympathy to the starving people of Cuba and demanded that the Government of the United States shall take such immediate action as will give relief to the inhabitants of that island and vindicate the honor of the American Nation." The convention pledged its support to any action that the Government may take.

Elizabeth Democratic Convention.

ELIZABETH, N. J., March 28.—The Democratic Convention here to-night nominated Frederick C. Marsh for Mayor and Patrick J. Ryan for Councilman at Large. "The Star-Spangled Banner" was sung by the convention with band accompaniment after the nominations.

Dr. F. C. Iglehart Accepts Call.

The Rev. Dr. Ferdinand C. Iglehart, pastor of the Simpson Methodist Episcopal Church, Clermont and Willoughby Avenues, Brooklyn, has accepted a call to the Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church at Newburg, N. Y. He has just closed his second year as pastor of the Simpson Church.

...Enthusiasm Shown When ...ment Is Broken Out on the ...lyn at Hampton Roads.

...Y FOR INSTANT SERVICE

...Cruiser Columbia Leaves League ...nd to Join the "Flying Squadron"—Many Officers Report for Duty on the Ships.

FORT MONROE, Va., March 28.—More than the usual enthusiasm was displayed Sunday by the officers and men of that portion of the American flying squadron already assembled at Hampton Roads, when Commodore W. S. Schley took command. There is always a perfunctory duty to be done in such cases, but the duty to-day was performed with an enthusiasm that bordered upon a breach of discipline. Officers smiled, however, the newly detailed commander could not in his pleasure at such a greeting find fault, and the men were allowed to give full vent to their feelings. The significance of the greeting was in the general feeling that the first step toward the completion of what will be the free fighting squadron had been taken, and the men apparently were gratified both with the step and with the choice of commanders, for Commodore Schley is known as a conservative, yet absolutely fearless and determined fighter.

Commodore Schley left Washington last night, and arrived at Fort Monroe early this morning. He was met by an Ensign and a boat crew of sailors, who relieved him of his baggage and received information that he would go aboard the Brooklyn, which has been designated as flagship.

At 9:30, after breakfast at the Chamberlin Hotel, the commander of the Brooklyn, with some other officers, took Commodore Schley aboard a launch and conveyed him to the fleet, which lies near Newport News. The Commodore was in civilian dress, but was saluted with the usual formalities as he passed up the Brooklyn's companionway to begin active service. He was shown to quarters, which are more elaborate than those of any warship afloat, having been prepared for exhibit when the Brooklyn visited England during the Queen's jubilee. Within half an hour after boarding ship Commodore Schley, in full uniform, was ready to take command, and the men of the fleet were drummed to quarters, the marines on deck and officers and gunners at post. Commodore Schley stepped to the bridge of the Brooklyn, and, amid the commission as commander of the squadron, took possession. At the same instant his pennant was broken out from the Brooklyn's mast and one of the guns belched forth a salute, which was answered by the Massachusetts, lying near. Then enthusiasm broke loose, and there was a roar of cheering from ship to ship and from ship to yards. Shortly after the officers of the battleship Massachusetts came aboard, and, together with the officers of the Brooklyn, paid their respects.

The second step in the formation of the squadron will take place this week, when the full complement of vessels is completed. At present the battleship Massachusetts, of 10,-288 tons, and capable of 16 knots an hour, and the protected first-class cruiser Brooklyn, of 9,271 tons, and capable of 22 knots an hour, form the nucleus of the squadron.

During the week it is expected that the Minneapolis, of 7,375 tons, with a speed of 23 knots, and the Columbia, 6,735 tons, with a speed nearly as great, will be added.

Commodore Schley said this morning:

"I have no orders to move, nor do I know when any will come. We are ready to move at the shortest kind of notice upon the completion of the fleet.

"In addition to Commodore Schley, these officers reported to the squadron to-day: Lieut. Sears, detached from the Naval Academy; Lieut. B. W. Wells, Jr., detached from the Monadnock; Naval Cadet E. McCrary, Jr., detached from the New York.

PHILADELPHIA, March 28.—The cruiser Columbia sailed from League Island Navy Yard at 8:15 this afternoon for Hampton Roads.

The commander of the Massachusetts this morning, on the receipt of a private telegram announcing that Spain had "backed down," wired the Navy Department asking if his vessel should be painted. He soon received a reply instructing him to proceed with the painting at once. The order was promptly executed, and already a considerable portion of the battleship is clothed in the new color. The cruiser Brooklyn is short of men, and advertisements for seamen were published in the local papers this afternoon. Several men who had been absent from the ship more than a week and were classed as deserters returned to-day and received but slight punishment.

THE GUNBOAT PRINCETON READY.

Adapted for Cruising in Shallow Waters—Her Armament.

PHILADELPHIA, March 28.—It was announced to-day that the United States gunboat Princeton, which is being built at Dialogue's ship yard, Camden, is rapidly nearing completion, and that she will leave the ship yard in about a week for League Island Navy Yard to receive her fittings preparatory to her final trial trip. Since the first indication of possible trouble with Spain workmen have been engaged night and day on the warship, and as a result she is now practically ready for sea.

The Princeton is not a large craft, but is perfect in her appointments and admirably adapted for cruising in shallow Chinese and South American waters, for which she is intended. She draws but 12 feet of water, and her other dimensions are 168 feet water line, 204 feet over all, 36 feet beam, and 1,000 tons displacement. She is fitted with 850 horse power engines, and is expected to attain a speed of 12 knots per hour.

The new gunboat's armament will consist of six four-inch quick-fire guns, four six-pounders, two one-pounders, one three-inch breech-loading howitzer, and one Gatling gun. Her complement will be 160 officers and men. The boat has a steel hull, with a wood skin and copper, owing to which she will be able to remain a long time at sea without having to be docked.

WITH THE FLEET AT KEY WEST.

Capt. Sampson's Staff Appointments—Ships Put On War Paint.

KEY WEST, March 28.—Capt. Sampson announced his staff appointments to-day. Rear Admiral Sicard's force, with the exception of Commander West, who goes to take command of the Princeton, was reappointed. No chief of staff was named.

By nightfall all the ships in the harbor except the Cincinnati were painted a lead color from waterline to smokestack top. The Cincinnati will be finished to-morrow. It is probable the Cincinnati will be ordered to join the flying squadron.

The Wilmington will leave for Jacksonville and the Montgomery for Hampton Roads before to-morrow night.

TO WARN THE OREGON OF PERIL.

Spanish Torpedo Gunboat Leaves Montevideo Mysteriously.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—The Navy Department, guarding against all possible contingencies, has telegraphed to Callao and Valparaiso to intercept the battleship Oregon and warn her of the threatening situation. She is steaming as fast as possible for her destination, the North Atlantic Station, at Key West, and may not stop for coal but twice on her passage around the Horn. To be on the safe side two dispatch boats have been sent to Capt. Clark. He is warned that war may be in progress when he reaches American waters, and that he must be on his guard against surprise attack of any kind.

Information has come to the department that the Spanish torpedo gunboat Temerario, which had been anchored at Montevideo for some time, has suddenly left that port in a rather mysterious way. It is known that it has gone to sea to look out for the Oregon or the Marietta as they enter the Pacific. The dispatch was sent to intercept the United States vessels at Callao, but it is quite possible that it may miss them at that port and not overtake them until they get to Valparaiso, in which case they will be warned in full time to look for the Temerario, or other vessels that may attempt, in case

Machine Work on the Vessels for Which Her Builders Do Not Expect to Charge.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—Secretary Long has written a letter thanking the Harlan & Hollingsworth Company of Wilmington, Del., for its "manifestation of patriotism" in hurrying work on the torpedo boat Stringham and declining any extra amount from the Government for work necessitated by the rush orders. The company's action was made known to the Secretary in the following letter from H. G. Morse, the President:

"In connection with your telegram regarding the work on the Stringham, I beg to advise you that we are pushing the construction of the boat by working until 10 o'clock at night in our machine shop and in our draughting room; have taken on about fifty additional men for day work and have employed a Superintendent for that boat.

"We do not expect to make any claim for extra cost due to the extra work we are doing to push the boat along."

A CORNER IN GUNS ABROAD.

Our Agents Prevented from Buying Them Except from Speculators.

LONDON, March 28.—The efforts of the United States Attachés among the war-munition manufacturers have not resulted in a purchase of a single gun, as the agents of American firms and speculators secured options, for the purpose of selling to the United States at great profits, on all the available stock which the eager rivalry of European Governments to increase their armaments, with the view of meeting Eastern developments, had left in the market.

Japan has been one of the largest buyers of war munitions, and Chile recently entered the field. All the guns secured by the United States abroad were bought from speculators.

The Attachés of the United States say the European firms were disposed to deal fairly and not raise prices, but, they add, the Government has been bled by the rapacity of its own money-making citizens."

Forty rapid-fire five and six inch guns, completed by the Armstrongs and destined for the United States, will be shipped immediately.

Lieut. Col. Alfred E. Bates, the United States Military Attaché, started to-day on a tour of Germany, Austria, and Belgium in an endeavor to purchase guns. He will confer with the leading manufacturers.

The United States Military Attaché at Berlin, Lieut. H. T. Allen, after scouring the country, reports that no guns are procurable in Germany. The Kruppe stock was all ordered before the guns were begun, and that concern is unable to sell any to the United States. It is expected, however, that the United States Government will be able to secure a lot of guns made in Belgium for the Belgian Government, which does not need them. But it is doubtful whether these guns will be deliverable at an early date.

AFFAIRS AT THE NAVAL ACADEMY.

To Practice at the Big Guns—Capt. P. H. Cooper May Command the Chicago.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., March 28.—Capt. P. H. Cooper, Superintendent of the Naval Academy, went to Washington to-day in connection with the detachment of the first class of Naval Cadets, which is now scheduled for April 9.

At a meeting yesterday of the Academic Board, it was decided that there should be no extra examinations now, but that the semi-annual and monthly examinations should determine the standing of the class, and that the work during the remainder of the term should be devoted to practical duties, such as the practice with big guns, &c. It is understood that the detachment will be made within a week.

It is said here that Capt. Cooper will be detached shortly and ordered to command the Chicago as soon as that ship is ready for sea. Capts. Sigsbee, McNair, and Pythian are spoken of as Capt. Cooper's successors.

DESERTERS MAY BE TAKEN BACK

Navy Department Will Be Lenient Because Men Are So Scarce.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—In view of the great desire for experienced men in the naval service just at this time it is more than probable that the Navy Department will exercise considerable leniency in dealing with the cases of men who are charged with having deserted from the service and who remain absent from fear of punishment.

In cases where the records of the men were good previous to their desertion they will, in all probability, upon surrendering themselves at a receiving ship be officially regarded as simple stragglers and not as deserters. According to the regulations a "straggler" is an enlisted man who has overstayed his leave, and is subject to minor punishment.

Deserters, however, are discharged from the service, and are ineligible for re-enlistment. It is recognized that many good men have left the service without permission during the past few years of peace, who would willingly re-enter the navy and render good service in the event of an outbreak of hostilities. The probable policy of the department looking to a more liberal treatment of technical deserters is due in a great measure to the difficulty the recruiting officers are having in securing men up to the naval requirements.

WITH "THE MOSQUITO FLEET."

Commander Horace Elmer Ordered to Inspect Desirable Small Craft—How the Vessels Will Be Manned.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—The most significant of the naval orders issued by the Navy Department to-day was the detachment of Commander Horace Elmer from Cramps' shipyard and ordering him to duty "in re the mosquito fleet." This auxiliary organization of the navy to be called into active service in time of war is to be composed of small craft of all kinds that may be obtainable by the department upon which a gun may be mounted and other defensive devices placed.

The fact that the organization is to be composed exclusively of small craft of all descriptions that may be available gives the cause for its designation as "the mosquito fleet." Its prospective formation is the result of the observation and work of the naval college for the past five years, and the officials believe that with the material that may be obtainable and the manning of the vessels by the naval militia of the States a formidable organization of its kind will result. The naval militia of the States, however, will not be relied upon entirely to man the ships, but in case of necessity resort will be had to seamen wherever they may be picked up. Commander Elmer is at the New York Navy Yard, which will be the centre of his future operations. His duties respecting the selection of craft for the fleet are the same as those performed by the board which for the past two weeks has been engaged in the inspection of merchant vessels for the auxiliary defense fleet, preliminary to their purchase by the Navy Department. The commander and his assistants will visit various places along the coast and will communicate by letter with persons and firms owning small craft, with a view of determining just how many are available and at what price the owners would sell or charter them to the Government. So far as practicable, it is the intention of the department that there shall be a separate set of ships for the defense of each of the seacoast cities, the whole to compose the "mosquito fleet." In the event of necessity for a rendezvous of several of these local fleets, it can be arranged. The primary idea is for each local fleet to form the "mobile defense" of the particular city where it is made up.

The Bureau of Ordnance will be called into requisition to assist in furnishing armament for the vessels, and in the event of war naval officers will be assigned to the command of each of the several local fleets.

NAVAL MILITIA CALLED ON.

Jersey Sailors to Take the Montauk to Portland—Portsmouth Men and Howitzer Fall into the River.

The Federal Government issued its first call for the services of citizen sailors since the excitement following the Maine disaster yesterday, when Assistant Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt notified Acting Governor Voorhees of New Jersey that the department had immediate use for a portion of

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the New Jersey Naval Militia. Mr. Roosevelt indicated that a detail of men from the Battalion of the East was wanted, the duty on hand being to transfer the monitor Montauk from the League Island Navy Yard at Philadelphia, to Portland, Me., at which port she is to act as guard boat.

Acting Governor Voorhees transmitted the order to Adjutant Gen. W. S. Stryker, who sent it by telegraph to Commander Washington Irving of the Battalion of the East, instructing the latter to detail nine officers and ninety-five men. Commander Irving has selected and notified the members, who live in Newark and Jersey City. They are holding themselves in readiness and expect to get the order to transport the monitor in two or three days.

The boat has been put in shape for the trip, and Chief Engineer B. Franklin Hart, Jr., of the Naval Militia, with two assistants, has been on board of her for two or three days. Commander Irving will command the vessel and Lieut. Edward M. C. Peters will be navigator. There will be three other branch officers. Lieut. M. Irving, U. S. N., who has been detailed from his post as steel inspector at the South Bethlehem Steel Works, will sail on the Montauk, as the representative of the Navy Department.

The monitor will go by way of the Delaware Capes. Whether she will take the ocean course or traverse Long Island Sound is not known. The boat is a slow one, and the trip will take four days. On reaching Portland, the Jerseymen will be relieved by the Maine Naval Militia, and will return to Hoboken to report. The men of the battalion are elated over the order. The organization is a well-equipped one, and has an entire division of engineers and their assistants.

The Newark Division of the New Jersey Naval Militia was ordered to report on the Portsmouth at Hoboken last night, with a mounted howitzer. The Portsmouth lies about 200 feet from the shore, and is reached by a board walk. The howitzer, which weighs 500 pounds, had been hauled half way to the ship when the board walk gave way and the gun, with the twelve men who were hauling it, went down into the river. James Martin, a boy of twelve years, who was following, went down also, but was rescued by Lieut. Goldengay, who was in charge of the squad.

The water was only a few feet deep, and the men scrambled out with no more damage than a wetting. Communication with the shore was cut off, and all on board the ship were held prisoners until boats could be procured.

Thirty new recruits were sworn in and joined in the drill that followed. The lost gun will be recovered to-day.

It was said at Trenton that preparations to send a second detail to duty, made up of the Battalion of the West, was under way.

REVENUE MARINE MOVEMENTS.

Activity in the Service—Notes About Vessels and Men.

The revenue cutter Hudson, under command of First Lieut. Newcomb, which has been ordered to Key West, will not sail until Thursday.

Chief Engineer John W. Collins of the Revenue Marine Service returned to New York yesterday from the lakes, where he has been making arrangements to bring the two cutters now building at Cleveland through the canals by cutting off their overhang. Engineer Collins will go to Washington to-day to make his report, but before going he will superintend the insertion of the new separator in the cutter Hudson.

The cutter Dexter arrived yesterday from New Bedford, and as soon as she has taken on coal and stores she will sail for Norfolk, where she will receive her armament and proceed to Key West.

Capt. L. N. Stoddard, Supervisor of Anchorage in New York Harbor, went to Washington yesterday to confer with Capt. Shoemaker, Chief of the Revenue Marine Service, relative to the movements of the revenue cutters and the laying of cables from Willets Point to Fort Schuyler and Sandy Hook.

The cutter Manhattan is now at the foot of Thirteenth Street, East River, for repairs to her boilers and machinery, preparatory to going South for service.

RECRUITS COME FROM THE SOUTH.

Men from Savannah and New Orleans Sent to the Vermont.

A number of recruits from Southern ports arrived at the navy yard yesterday from the steamship Birmingham, which arrived from Savannah, and the Cromwell line steamer Louisiana, from New Orleans. The men were taken to the navy yard, where they will be quartered on the receiving ship Vermont until ordered for duty on the vessels now being fitted out. The Government tug Nina took the men from the steamship companies' piers to the navy yard.

In all about ninety men arrived at the yard. Of the fifty-six men that came from New Orleans, twenty-six were skilled machinists. They will be thoroughly drilled before being assigned for duty on any of the vessels. All the men who came from Savannah were members of the gunnery class which was graduated recently from the school of instruction on board the monitor Amphitrite. They will be rated as gun captains, and will be assigned to take charge of the batteries on the new ships. Among them were five men who were assigned to the gunnery ship from the ill-fated Maine.

MARINE INSURANCE DROPS.

The Demand for the War Hazard Falls Off Sharply.

During the first two hours of business yesterday, the demand of shippers and consignees for insurance against the marine war hazard continued unabated at the stiff rates which prevailed on Saturday. When, however, the President's submission of the Maine report to Congress was known, and the stock market moved upward, the demand for war insurance ceased almost entirely. Rates dropped one-half, and few risks were written during the remainder of the day.

A prominent marine underwriter said yesterday afternoon that marine insurance men did not think the real situation had undergone much change since Saturday, the falling rates being a temporary reaction which was as inevitable as the movement in the stock market.

WIRE TRUST COMPLETED.

Salem (O.) Wire Nail Co. in the Combine, Which Will Start Work at Once.

SALEM, Ohio, March 28.—It is learned that a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Salem Wire Nail Company and of others directly interested in the American Steel and Wire Company was held here Saturday evening. All the members of the board were present or represented by agents. The matter of consolidation was placed before the officials by Frank Baackes, recently elected General Manager of the American Steel and Wire Company. The meeting resulted in the Salem Company entering the combine, which is now completed.

In an interview General Manager Baackes said:

"The combine will be in operation by April 1. All subscribed stock has been paid in and the articles of incorporation filed under the laws of Illinois. The company will have its main office at Chicago, and the mills included in the consolidation will be divided into four classes—Eastern, Central, Western, and Southern.

"The move is made in order to drive out competition and for the maintaining of prices. The latter, however, will not be advanced to any great extent. The combine includes fourteen plants and will control 75 per cent. of the output of the country, or even of the world. It will have a producing capacity of 700,000 or 800,000 tons of wire and wire rods and a foreign trade of $5,000,000, which is expected to be increased to $10,000,000 or $15,000,000 in the near future.

"The general manager and his helpers will be located at Cleveland."

Saranac Lakes Free from Ice.

SARANAC LAKE, N. Y., March 28.—The ice has gone out of the Saranac lakes. This is the first time it has done so in March as far back as known. Last year it disappeared on April 25. Spring weather prevails, and buds are beginning to appear on the trees.

United States Would Have British Sympathy in War, and Spain that of Continental Powers.

SPAIN'S HOPE FOR HELP GONE

Germany the Most Hostile to the United States—Movement of the British Fleet to Bermuda Commented Upon by Diplomats.

LONDON, March 28.—The dispatch of the British fleet from Halifax to Bermuda, following the agitation for an Anglo-American alliance, is considerably commented upon by diplomats. The authorities explain it is merely considered desirable that British ships should be in the vicinity of Cuba, in order to safeguard British commerce and British subjects in case of war. The idea of Anglo-American co-operation in Cuba is scouted. A diplomat who is conversant with the inside negotiations on the Cuban question said:

"If Spain and the United States go to war they will fight without an ally on either side. The United States does not need an ally and Spain cannot get an ally. The United States will, however, have the sympathy of Great Britain and Spain will have the sympathy of all the Continental powers. But their attitude may be depended upon not to exceed sympathetic neutrality. M. Hanotaux's speech in the Chamber of Deputies on Saturday was the deathblow to Spain's fondest hope of help. Austria would be willing to intervene, but she is unable to do so. Germany is the European nation which is most hostile to the United States, this hostility emanating directly from the Emperor, and his circle reflecting his personal opinion. It arises out of the growing realization that the United States is the greatest commercial rival of Germany."

GERMANY WOULD NOT MEDIATE.

She Would Be Glad of an Improvement in Spanish-American Affairs.

BERLIN, March 28.—A high official of the German Foreign Office said to-day:

"Germany will joyfully greet any step to improve Spanish-American relations; but this interest does not go so far as to induce Germany to participate in offering mediation. Moreover, there is no indication that America is inclined to suffer such mediation, nor on what basis."

The Vossische Zeitung says:

"The most dangerous is the second demand—namely, under the cloak of humanitarianism to aim at direct interference in Cuba. The Washington Government in that goes beyond the limits. Spain can make concessions without humiliation and loss of dignity; but if America insists upon these demands, swords will fly out of their scabbards."

The Tageblatt remarks:

"The American jingoes underrate the injuries such a war will bring upon America."

The Boersen Courier says:

"With an earnest desire that an understanding may be reached, even without mediation, diplomatic circles still count this as being the best solution, so long as neither one nor the other has taken the irremediable step."

The Berliner Post, in its comments, says:

"President McKinley will doubtless do everything to avert war; but popular sentiment may decide to the contrary."

Portuguese Neutrality Measures.

LISBON, Portugal, March 28.—The evening newspapers say that, acting under superior instructions, the commanders of the warships now moored in the Tagus met to-day for the purpose of discussing a patrol of the sea between Cape Verde, Madeira, and the Azores, with a view of maintaining neutrality in the event of a Hispano-American war.

Intervention Changed to Mediation.

LONDON, March 28.—It is remarked that the inspired dispatches emanating from Vienna, which for a long time have suggested European intervention in behalf of Spain, have since the Chinese crisis reached an acute stage been toned down to suggestions of mediation.

WOMAN PROBABLY MURDERED.

Her Body, Bearing Wounds, Was Found on the Beach at Bowery Bay.

The body of a woman, fully dressed, floated up on the beach at Bowery Bay, Queens, Sunday evening, and yesterday was examined by Coroners' physicians, who found that the woman was dead before the body reached the water.

Richard O. Trenchard of 228 West Seventeenth Street, this city, found the corpse. Coroner Rouff has taken charge of it, and it is now in the Morgue at Maspeth, L. I. It had been in the water probably from four to six weeks, and decomposition had set in, particularly on the head, where it is thought a cut may have been inflicted. The cause of death was not settled by the autopsy.

Four of the ribs on the right side were fractured, as if by a kick or a blow with a broad stick. These fractures occurred before death. The woman was apparently 35 or 40 years old, weighed between 135 and 140 pounds, and was 5 feet 6 inches in height. The hair is light brown, thick, and wavy; the features regular, the teeth sound, and the body well formed. The hands were covered with gloves, and seem not to have been used to hard work. The clothing of the body was good, but not expensive. The skirt and cape were of green cloth, trimmed with black braid, and the waist was a tight-fitting jersey.

Coroner Rouff notified the police of Queens that it was probably a case of murder, but no clew seems available. Bodies which entered the water miles east or west of Bowery Bay have been known to float in there, carried by the swift tides that start at Hell Gate.

FOR CROSS-TOWN FACILITIES.

Complaint Sent to the Rapid Transit Commission by T. A. Judson.

T. A. Judson of 1,116 Third Avenue yesterday sent a letter to the members of the Rapid Transit Commission, in which he complains that not enough attention is given to the subject of "cross-town rapid transit," as he expresses it. He says:

I am only one of the several hundred thousands of people who during the year, and in many cases daily, have occasion to go from the extreme east side to the extreme west side between Fifty-ninth and One Hundred and Tenth Streets. There are no means whatsoever of getting completely across between those limits. The only apology for accommodation is a horse car line, which runs part of the way on one side and part of the way on the other. To get over one must pay two fares, and then walk part of the way.

He suggests an underground line, as there seems to be no practicable means of obtaining cross-town transit on the surface lines. Mr. Judson incloses a letter to the members of the commission which he received from W. B. Parsons, the commission's chief engineer. Mr. Parsons writes:

Speaking as an individual, I agree with you that convenience, such as you describe, is entirely lacking. But would not the quickest, best, and most feasible method of furnishing the same be by means of electric and surface lines built along the depressed streets crossing the Park and connecting with the existing surface lines?

WOMAN DIED FROM DOG BITES.

Mrs. Elizabeth Van Name of Richmond Was Ill Six Weeks.

Mrs. Elizabeth Van Name of Bergen avenue, West New Brighton, Richmond, died at her home yesterday morning. The cause given is hydrophobia. She was bitten by a dog on Feb. 7. The animal, a mongrel, owned by Leon Harold of Livingston, ran through the streets of West New Brighton, biting five people. Mrs. Van Name was bitten in twenty-eight places.

All of the victims were taken to the New York Health Department Laboratory for treatment. Drs. Walker and Townsend said she was suffering from hydrophobia. She had not been able to swallow nourishment for a week, because of contraction of her throat. The others who were bitten have not shown any signs of hydrophobia. Mrs. Van Name was a widow, about fifty-five years old.

Report of Negotiations with Spain Causes Consternation at the Junta.

ADVANTAGE ALL FOR SPAIN

This Country Would Have to Use Force Against the Insurgents, Says Mr. Rubens, to Stop Rainy Season Hostilities—Palma in Washington.

In no place was greater consternation caused yesterday than at the headquarters of the Cuban Junta, when a report was published that President McKinley was carrying on negotiations with Spain looking to an armistice during the rainy season in the Island of Cuba.

Those not officially connected with the legation who gathered in the waiting room gave emphatic voice to their opinions on the subject. Gen. Tomas Estrada Palma, who is clothed with full powers to act for the provisional Government of the Republic of Cuba, refused to talk. An interview alleged to have come from him, did not come from him. Horatio T. Rubens, who is counsel for the Junta, and generally the spokesman when statements are to be given out for publication, was the only one who spoke yesterday officially for the legation.

Gen. Palma went to Washington on the 3 P. M. train. It was said that he had been invited to a conference with the President. Mr. Rubens denied this. Then he said:

"The United States may make any arrangement it desires with Spain, but the Cubans will consent to no armistice, nor to any plan save that which gives to them absolute independence. The Cubans would appreciate and, of course, be thankful for any interest in them shown by this country, but they would have to respectfully decline all such propositions. It is an absolute loss of time for the United States to entertain any negotiations of this character. The Cubans naturally feel that it is unjust for the American Government to even indirectly espouse the cause of a nation convicted of wholesale murder, as against those who, emulating the example of Americans, are fighting for liberty.

Why Spain Wants an Armistice.

"The United States may be magnanimous enough to forgive the Spaniards for the loss of the Maine and her 266 bluejackets and officers, but the Cubans will never forgive the Spanish Government for the extermination of her 400,000 pacificos. The flag that covered that crime must cease to wave over Cuba.

"By an armistice Spain would save $10,000,000 a month for six months. The Spaniards know very well that the Cubans will not enter into an armistice. Spain desires that the United States should offer it to the Cubans, in the hope that their refusal may remove the sympathy and support of the American people.

"It must be well understood that to force the Cubans accept an armistice, the United States must land her forces in Cuba and compel the Cubans to do so at the point of the bayonet. The past three years have proved that the Cubans fight, and will fight during the rainy season, while Spain is admittedly powerless to do so. All of the advantages of the proposed armistice would therefore result to Spain—not only in the money she would save, but in the mortality of her troops, which would be as much as 40 per cent.

"The Cubans would lose the benefit of the season during which they are always strongest in the field, while the United States would receive the magnificent privilege of relieving Spain of the duty of feeding the reconcentrados.

"The proposition of an armistice then means the alliance of the United States with Spain against the Cubans. We are better off now than ever. We never have had the assistance of the United States Government, and we are not asking for it now."

Gomez Uncompromising as Ever.

Before Gen. Palma left for Washington yesterday he received a letter from Gen. Maximo Gomez. The first part of the letter was of a private character, and was not given out for publication. In view of the fact that the Junta has been awaiting advices in response to inquiries relating to the plan that would be followed by insurgents to work conjointly with the United States in case of a Spanish-American war, there was a suspicion that Gen. Palma has gone to Washington to confer with the Government officials. Mr. Rubens denied this. He said that the General went to Washington on private business. Mr. Rubens then gave out the following translation of the latter part of the letter, which was dated March 10, at Sancti Spiritus:

"Here we are, all of us disposed and decided to run all the perils and inconveniences of war without allowing ourselves to be carried away by optimism or to feel

DISCREDITED CUBAN ARRIVES.

Jose L. Cepero, a Member of the Junta Says, Discovered Bonds and Was Reduced.

Among the passengers who arrived yesterday on the Ward Line steamship Yucatan from Havana was José L. Cepero, his wife, and four children. Mr. Cepero is of Cuban birth, but is a naturalized American citizen, who at the outbreak of hostilities in Cuba was a machinist in Buffalo. He went to Cuba and Gen. Gomez, he says, attached him to his staff with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

According to his story, he left Gomez in January, 1896, to come to the United States to assist in fitting out an expedition, but he was captured and held a prisoner by the Spaniards for sixteen months, when, through the good offices of Consul General Lee, he was liberated and came to New York. He then, he says, took out one of three expeditions sent by Emilio Nunes from New York and landed on the shores of Havana Province in September, 1897. When he finally reached Gomez, the General, he says, punished him for being so long on his mission by reducing him to the ranks. He fought in a number of battles, but his relations with the Cuban leader became so strained that he decided to come to New York and appeal to the Junta to be restored to his former rank.

Gomez offered no objection to his leaving. He reached Havana unmolested, to bring his family with him, and while there he called on Gen. Blanco, he says, and the General offered him $25,000 to fight for Spain.

Mr. Cepero announced his intention of calling at the Junta, but he will not be received. One of the principal members of the Junta said that the legation has no authority to bestow military rank. This same man added:

"Lieut. Col. Cepero is a man of undoubted courage and capability. When Gen. Gomez and Gen. Antonio Maceo were making the western invasion, this American citizen, who had lived in Buffalo, in some way joined Gomez and was created a Lieutenant Colonel and placed in charge of a certain tract of territory. Gomez had ordered that no cattle should be driven from the country into the towns, but in violation of this order and under conditions that could not be overlooked, Cepero allowed the Spaniards to drive some cattle into a town. Gomez ordered a court-martial, and Cepero on hearing it went to Cienfuegos and there surrendered to the Spaniards. Through some misunderstanding he was not treated as a prisoner, but was imprisoned till Gen. Lee secured his release on the ground that he was an American citizen and had surrendered.

"Coming to New York, he lived at the Hotel Havana, Fifty-ninth Street and Lexington Avenue, supported by charitable Cubans. He found his way back to Cuba last Fall, but how the Junta does not know. Gen. Lee looked out for him in Havana. The Junta will have nothing more to do with him."

MOTHER NEARLY SUFFOCATED.

She Tried to Rescue Her Two Children and Was Herself Overcome.

Mrs. Mary Bahn, wife of Cornelius Bahn, a carpenter living on the second floor of 252 East One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Street, nearly lost her life yesterday morning while trying to rescue her two children from a fire in her apartments.

Mrs. Bahn went up stairs to visit a friend at 10 o'clock, leaving her daughter Julia, three years old, and Cornelius, a baby of one year, playing on the floor. A few minutes later a young girl living in the house ran in and shouted to Mrs. Bahn that her flat was on fire. The frightened mother ran down stairs, but so dense was the smoke that she was unable to enter the rooms. Dropping on her hands and knees, and keeping her mouth close to the floor, she crawled into one of the bedrooms, where she found the two children overcome by smoke. She struggled to get back with her burdens, but was herself overcome.

Meanwhile the alarm had spread, and Philip White the janitor, reached Mrs. Bahn's rooms just in time to drag the unconscious mother and her babes into the air, where they soon revived. Little Julia acknowledged that she had set fire to some excelsior while she was playing with matches. The damage was slight.

Hawaiian Sugar Plantations Safe.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 28.—According to news brought here from Hawaii by the bark Albert to-day the plantations of the Hutchinson and Hawaiian Commercial Companies, on the Island of Maui, are not in the slightest danger from the eruption of the Mauni Loa volcano, the flow of lava having stopped within sixty miles of the town of Hilo. Sugar grinding in both locations is reported to be progressing under excellent conditions, and a large crop is being prepared for immediate shipment. The reports of damage to the plantations circulated by bears drove Hawaiian Commercial stocks down to 28.

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MRS. PAGET IN A RUNAWAY.

Her Horses Take Fright and Dash Up Fifth Avenue—Her Footman Badly Hurt.

Mrs. Almeric Paget, ex-Secretary William C. Whitney's daughter, had a narrow escape from injury yesterday by the running away of her horses. Her footman, John Mackenzie, was seriously hurt.

Mrs. Paget was driving up Fifth Avenue about 5:15 P. M. in her victoria. She was seated alone, and Patrick Cockburn of 40 East Sixty-seventh Street, was driving, Mackenzie being with him on the box. At Fifty-ninth Street the horses took fright, seized the bits in their teeth, and ran. Cockburn sawing on the reins in vain.

The team turned into East Sixty-second Street, after the driver had vainly tried to turn them in at Sixty-first Street, where Mrs. Paget lives, thinking force of habit might induce them to stop. When they did turn east, the vehicle almost tipped over, and Mackenzie was thrown head first to the pavement. Bicycle Policeman Fullerton, who had been trying to stop the horses, dismounted and picked up the unconscious man, who was taken to the Flower Hospital.

The horses ran east through Sixty-second Street, just missing cars at Park and Third Avenues, while Cockburn pulled at the reins and Mrs. Paget clung, pale and silent, to her seat. At Second Avenue, Bicycle Policeman Gibson caught the bridle of the off horse and, with the aid of the driver, the almost winded team was brought to a halt. They were turned up Second Avenue and Mrs. Paget was assisted to alight by John D. Crimmins, who was superintending some work there.

Mrs. Paget was driven home to 11 East Sixty-first Street in another vehicle. Her own carriage was only slightly damaged.

MARRIED HIS HOUSEKEEPER.

Carolina Could Not Land Until Adolf Yuengling Agreed to Wed.

Adolf Yuengling, whose father is a wealthy butcher of Berlin, arrived here Saturday on the St. Paul. His father gave him 15,000 marks to come here and start a butcher's business in Chicago. Adolf brought with him an attractive young woman to be his housekeeper. He was much perturbed when the immigration officials told him that he might land, but that Carolina Krombach could not unless he made her his wife. Adolf said that she had been his housekeeper in Berlin, and so good a one that he had determined to bring her with him, but, as she was quite beneath his social position, he could not marry her. He did not leave to go to a hotel, however, but hung about the Barge Office, loath to part with her.

She had 8,000 marks just before she left Berlin, but some enterprising broker prevailed upon her to accept in exchange some Mexican bonds, which on arrival here she found were not easily convertible into cash. She said she had an uncle in Memphis, and the officials said that if he would become responsible for her she might land. The uncle was telegraphed to, and he wired back: "Send my niece here."

This apparently settled matters, but Adolf now came forward and said that he loved the young woman and they did not wish to be separated. There was some talk, a walk across Battery Park to the house of Pastor Berkmeier, and when the party, including Adolf, Carolina, and Government Inspectors, left the pastor's house there was a new bridal couple in town and Carolina will continue to be Adolf's housekeeper.

Buying a House Without Cash

—a practical article by Barton Cheyney, telling how, without money, to own a home in city or country. It will be found of great interest to young married folks—and old ones, too. It is meant as a help for those of you who would like to stop paying rent.

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OCEAN TUG ATLAS PURCHASED

The Board Has Prepared a Report for the Navy Department, Giving a Resume of Its Proceedings—Sovereign Deal Off.

Acting upon the recommendations of the Naval Auxiliary Board, the Government yesterday completed the purchase of the ocean-going steel tug Atlas from the Standard Oil Company, and the vessel was delivered at the Brooklyn Navy Yard. She will be at once thoroughly overhauled and put in readiness to join the fleet which is being prepared for use in an emergency as a picket force.

The Atlas is practically a new boat, having been launched only about a year and a half ago. She is of 823 tons, is 180 feet long, 25 feet beam, and 14 feet deep, and with her triple-expansion engines can develop a speed of fifteen knots. She has heretofore been plying with coal barges between New York, Savannah, and Portland, Me.

The Naval Board has received no intimation from Washington to lead its members to pause in their work, and they were busily engaged throughout the day. A protracted secret session was held during the forenoon preparing a report to be forwarded to the Navy Department at Washington detailing the work of the board during the past two weeks. In this report was eliminated from the list of vessels all the undesirable craft offered. It is understood that by this means the list of vessels to be considered has been reduced by fully one-half.

Some Patriotic Citizens.

A member of the board stated yesterday that many vessels fulfilling in construction and general conditions all the requirements of the Government were abandoned at the last moment owing to the sudden raising of the purchase price by the owners. According to this officer, hordes of tugboat and yacht owners and agents have thronged the offices of the board for the past two weeks and with wonderful bursts of patriotism have pressed their craft upon the Government. Many of these men, however, just as soon as they learned that their vessels were being considered with favor by the board, ran their prices up to outrageous figures.

On several occasions during the past few days negotiations for certain craft have progressed so far that the commandant of the navy yard had been notified to prepare for their reception, when suddenly the price would be raised beyond the bounds of all reason. These vessels have all been stricken from the available list, and no more time will be wasted upon them. The board has also been badgered by swarms of fake patriots anxious to palm off all sorts of rotten craft. These nuisances have not been seriously considered in any case, however.

The small vessels secured thus far are five yachts and seven tugs, which in every instance are the best of their class. The prices paid for these vessels, while kept strictly secret by the Naval Board, are pretty well known by shipping men, and are said to have yielded a very handsome profit to those who sold them. It is said that negotiations for the yacht Sovereign have been abandoned. Her owner wanted $400,000 for her, and the Government decidedly refused to pay that amount.

May Buy P. A. B. Widener's Yacht.

Naval Constructor Fawrewsey and Chief Engineer Dixon left yesterday for Wilmington, Del., to inspect the yacht Josephine, which has been offered for sale to the Government by her owner, P. A. B. Widener of Philadelphia. The Josephine is a new yacht, and is fitted with all modern improvements. After the inspection of the Josephine, the two officers will go to Baltimore to look over several fast tugs belonging to the Merchants and Miners' Line, plying between that city and Boston.

Lieut. Commander Reeder and Assistant Engineer Danforth during the afternoon made an extended and critical inspection of the Lone Star liner Miami, which plys between New York and Galveston. The vessel may be purchased for use as a distiller ship or as a collier. Members of the board stated yesterday that vessels now most desired were two vessels as colliers, two as repair ships, two as distiller ships, and at least two more tugs.

With regard to the American Line steamship St. Paul, it was stated that the board had not up to the present received any department orders to have her detained. Such orders would, in any event, they said, be sent direct to the company. General Manager Griscom of the American Line said that he had no idea the steamer would be held here.

ACTIVITY AT THE NAVY YARD.

The Departments Busier than for Twenty Years—Hull of the Texas Not Injured.

More than 1,000 men gathered about the main entrance, on Sands Street, to the navy yard yesterday, but only those who were seeking employment in the various departments or wanted to enlist were allowed to enter the yard. The recruiting officers on board the receiving ship Vermont were kept busy passing upon applicants for enlistment.

The Navy Department has issued orders to enlist an unlimited number of men for all grades. These include landsmen, ordinary seamen, able seamen, coal passers, and machinists. About fifty men a day are being enlisted. They will go to make up the crews of the vessels now being fitted out at the yard, as well as those being made ready for service at the other stations.

Since the squadron left the yard several months ago there have not been so many ships there or such activity as at present. In fact, there are more men at work in the various departments than for twenty years. About 100 mechanics and laborers are being added to the list of workmen in the various shops, and the Chief of the Labor Bureau has sent for the men who were recently placed on furlough to report at once for duty in the several departments. According to the order sent out by the Chief of the Bureau, work will be continued day and night until all the vessels have been fitted with armament according to the plans made for them.

The Mayflower will be taken out of dry dock on Friday. Her armor plates are in place, and all that remains to be done is to place the guns on the mounts. Like all the vessels, her hull and superstructure are to be painted a dark steel gray.

A number of torpedo tubes for the vessels were taken to the factory of the E. W. Bliss Company to be refitted and adjusted. All the yachts and tugboats are being fitted with search lights and the electric system of electric signals.

Orders were issued by Admiral Bunce yesterday to the chiefs of the several departments to give out no information concerning the work being done or contemplated. No information could be got at Admiral Bunce's headquarters. In fact the officer on duty there said to the newspapermen that neither the Admiral nor his assistant officers would see anybody, as their time was occupied in matters concerning the equipment of vessels now at the yard, and the forwarding of stores and ammunition to the fleets off Key West and Hampton Roads.

A large supply of stores, consisting of clothing, food, ammunition, and projectiles, is being got ready to send to the southern stations. Most of the ships now fitting, along the coast, it is said, are now ready, and along the coast, it is said, are now provisioned and the stores now to be sent to them will be kept in reserve.

The battleship Texas, which arrived at the navy yard, on Sunday will remain about ten days. She comes to this station for the purpose of having the cranes, ammunition hoists and turrets overhauled. Considerable work is to be done on the turrets. About 200 men from the several departments are now at work on the ship.

The Texas will be placed in the timber dry dock on Friday to have her hull cleaned and painted and the strainers to the outboard delivery pipes overhauled. It was said on board the vessel yesterday that her hull is in good condition, and she was

NAMES FOR YACHTS AND TUGS.

Vessels of 1812 and Indians Recalled in Their Nomenclature.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—The Navy Department decided to-day upon the names for the tugs and yachts it has recently bought. In accordance with its new policy, the department has selected names of conspicuous Indians or Indian tribes, and in the case of the yachts has taken up again the famous names of the ships that fought in the war of 1812. As the yachts are being transformed into fighting vessels that will be in all probability as formidable as the ships that proved equal to the British ships of eighty years ago, it is thought that they will not bring discredit upon the names made famous by heroic sea fights.

The names are as follows:

Yachts.—The Alicia becomes the Hornet, the Almy becomes the Eagle, the Hermione becomes the Hawk, and the Columbia becomes the Wasp.

Tugs.—The Edgar F. Luckenback becomes the Tecumseh, the Walter A. Luckenback becomes the Uncas, the Winthrop becomes the Osceola, the P. H. Wise becomes the Sioux, and the Eltoro becomes the Algonquin.

The torpedo boat recently bought in Germany will be called, in accordance with practice, which has named these vessels after prominent naval officers, the Somers.

CHESTNUT STREET BANK.

Shareholders of the Philadelphia Concern Assessed 100 Per Cent.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—The Controller of the Currency has to-day levied an assessment of 100 per cent. on the shareholders of the Chestnut Street National Bank of Philadelphia, payable April 1, 1898. The capital stock of the bank is $500,000.

He has also declared a dividend of 10 per cent. in favor of the creditors of the bank, which will be sent out as soon as checks can be prepared.

PEOPLE'S BANK CASE ARREST.

Richard F. Loper Taken into Custody in Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, March 28.—Richard F. Loper, Vice President and General Manager of the Guarantors' Finance Company, was placed under arrest this afternoon, charged with conspiracy to cheat and defraud the People's Bank.

The warrant was sworn out by Albert Tafor, receiving teller of the People's Bank. When the bank closed its doors on March 25 it was indebted to that institution to the extent of about $600,000, for which Loper had given securities which are worthless. Cashier John S. Hopkins of the People's Bank committed suicide Thursday morning, March 24, after he had learned that application had been made for a receiver for the Guarantors' Company.

UMBRELLAS A CAUSE OF WAR.

Four Men in Sets of Two Become Mixed Up—Revolver Drawn.

Two men going down Exchange Place, Jersey City, under an umbrella, in yesterday's rain, met two men under another umbrella going up the street. They came into collision with such force as to rouse the passions of all four. One of the men drew a revolver, and a tragedy was imminent when Patrolman Entwistle seized the man with the revolver and his companion.

They described themselves as Philip Lessie of New York and Sullivan Morris of Jersey City. Lessie, who drew the pistol, was fined $20. Morris was fined $3.

TO JAIL INSTEAD OF THE ARMY.

A Would-Be Recruit Too Free with a Machete in Jersey City.

Michael Hogan, nineteen years old, recently came to Jersey City for the purpose of enlisting in the army at the recruiting headquarters, 49 Montgomery Street. At an early hour yesterday morning young Hogan created a disturbance in the tenement at 210 Fifteenth Street. When Policeman Vroom arrived he found Hogan flourishing a machete, a weapon used by Cubans and Spaniards. He threatened to run the machete through John M. Bowles and Patrick Murphy, inmates of the house, who were attempting to quiet him.

The policeman succeeded in disarming Hogan and took him to the station. Hogan told the police that he went out with the machete to practice and to become familiar with its use before he enlisted to attack the Spaniards.

Justice Nevins told Hogan this morning that instead of his serving his country in the army he would have to go to the penitentiary for six months.

Cashier J. T. Mills at Work Again.

Cashier John T. Mills of the Chase National Bank, who has been confined to his home with a cold, resumed his duties yesterday. He denied newspaper reports that his absence was due to pneumonia.

BASEBALL NOTES.

The Giants put in a good day of practice at Lakewood yesterday. In the afternoon the two teams known as the "Real Things" and "Yannigans" played a full nine inning game, the former again winning by a score of 14 to 8. Seymour did some good pitching for the "Real Things." Sullivan pitched for the losing side.

Jack Doyle, who recently announced that before he would play first base for the Washingtons he would give up baseball, has changed his mind and will sign a contract on Thursday. J. Earle Wagner of the Washington Club met the Baltimore's former first baseman in this city last Saturday night. Doyle at first said that his business at Holyoke, which represents his baseball earnings, demanded his attention for the next three months. Mr. Wagner finally proposed terms entirely satisfactory to Doyle, and he agreed to sign.

Long Island Trout Season Open.

The trout season on Long Island opens to-day, and will remain so until Sept. 1. All the clubs in Suffolk County have made preparations to enjoy the sport, and there is much rivalry to see who lands the first fish. Many of the members of the South Side Sportsmen's Club at Sayville were at the grounds last night waiting for day-break to-day.

LOSSES BY FIRE.

NATICK, Mass., March 28.—Robinson & Hay's hay barn and several other small buildings were burned to-day. Loss, $20,000.

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., March 28.—The canal supply store and adjoining barns belonging to Michael Travis of Rexford's Flats, Saratoga County, were burned this morning. Loss, $5,000.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., March 28.—Fire at Bessemer last night burned two buildings used by the Bessemer Printing and Publishing Company, publishers of The Bessemer Weekly, and a vacant building adjoining owned by the Schillinger Brewing Company. The loss is about $10,000.

YESTERDAY'S FIRES.

(From 12 o'clock Sunday night until 12 o'clock Monday night.)

MANHATTAN AND BRONX.

12:45 A. M.—1,556 First Avenue; Annie Shocker; damage, $75.

12:50 A. M.—221 East One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Street; Kate Lynch; damage, $50.

12:55 A. M.—12 Bayard Street; Myer Sandon; damage, $1,000.

1 A. M.—70 Sullivan Street; Benjamin Sturgers; damage, $5.

9:25 A. M.—One Hundred and Forty-sixth Street and Railroad Avenue; S. Ullman; damage slight.

1:10 P. M.—78 Rivington Street; Sam Levy; damage slight.

2:30 P. M.—351 East Thirty-second Street; L. Kalman & Co.; damage, $300.

4:50 P. M.—10 East Fourteenth Street; Jennings Demarest; damage, $50.

6:30 P. M.—53 Suffolk Street; occupant not known; damage, $300.

7:15 P. M.—328 West Fifty-second Street; owner unknown; damage, $500.

Bulls in Full Control of the Market and the Bears in a State of Panic.

OVER 800,000 SHARES DEALT IN

Last Week's Over-Selling and a Supposedly More Peaceful Aspect of Spanish-Cuban Affairs Cause the "Bulge."

There was a tumultuous and violent bear panic on the Stock Exchange yesterday resulting from overselling the market last week and the pacific news from Washington yesterday. The stampede to buy was a sequence to the sharp recovery during the half-day market on Saturday. That disaster did not come to several commission houses yesterday was due to the transactions of Saturday, which acted as a safety valve because, as evidenced in the dealings of yesterday, the word was passed that on Monday a "bulge" might be expected, and that prudent bears would do well to take the long end of the market and get into the band wagon.

During the five full days of trading last week the sales of shares on the Stock Exchange were 1,423,635, or an average of 284,723 shares per day. Saturday 262,848 shares were sold. Yesterday the dealings were near to 873,000 shares, or exceeding the average of three days last week.

In the 108 stocks actively dealt in yesterday but two declined—Hawaiian Sugar closing at 24½, a net loss of 1¾, and Wheeling and Lake Erie closed at 2, a net loss of ¼. Four stocks stood still—Edison of New York, Maryland Coal first preferred, Oregon Railway and Navigation preferred, and St. Joseph and Grand Island first preferred.

Some of the Big Guns.

The other items advanced to net gains in two instances, Pullman's and Consolidated Gas, of 7½ points. The average net gain for these 97 stocks was 2.37. The gains over 3 points were: Sugar, 6¼; Sugar preferred, 4; Brooklyn Gas, 7; Canada Southern, 3¼; Chicago, Burlington and Quincy, 4½; Rock Island, 4; Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, 4¾; Northwestern, 4½; Consolidated Gas, 7½; Delaware and Hudson, 4; Denver and Rio Grande preferred, 3¼; Erie first preferred, 3½; Lake Shore, 5; Louisville and Nashville, 4¼; Manhattan, 4½; Metropolitan Street Railway, 4; Minneapolis and St. Louis second preferred, 5½; Lead, 3¼; Central of New Jersey, 4½; New York Central, 5; Norfolk and Western preferred, 3½; Northern Pacific preferred, 3½; Oregon Improvement, 3¼; Oregon Short Line, 5; Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis preferred, 3½; Pullman's, 7½; People's Gas, 3½; Reading first preferred, 3¼; St. Paul and Omaha, 3½; Union Pacific preferred, 4½; Rubber, 4, and Leather preferred, 3¼.

Leading in the dealings were Sugar, with 178,400 shares; Tobacco, 16,325; Atchison preferred, 11,400; Brooklyn Rapid Transit, 18,210; Burlington, 21,100; Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, 111,630; Rock Island, 33,780; Louisville and Nashville, 25,000; Manhattan, 44,300; Metropolitan Street Railway, 27,310; New York Central, 18,780; Northern Pacific, 20,500; Northern Pacific preferred, 36,300; People's Gas, 28,420, and Union Pacific preferred 56,700.

The market opened to these vast transactions with the bears keyed up to excitement by partial verification of the rumors of a pacific trend to the Spanish situation and news of higher quotations on the London market and the bull element complacently ready to exact ample profit. In the primary transactions the stampede to buy was so general among the shorts that it was barely possible to note all the transactions, and the ticker tapes were overloaded with reports of dealings so that the machines in the brokers' offices were never still until "good night" was signaled.

Quotations in a Muddle.

In the first half hour of dealings on the Exchange quotations in the turmoil of frantic bidding to cover speculative operations resulted in disparity of quotations. At the same moment St. Paul was variously quoted from 88½ to 89¾, Burlington was between 89¼ and 91, and other active items shared in the muddle due to soaring prices. In the brokers' offices few customers got "in the swim" who gave orders at fixed quotations, the upward tendency of the market carrying prices beyond limits before the orders reached the floor of the Exchange for execution.

An idea of the fluctuations may be had in the price of Sugar. At the opening it was 112¾ and three-quarters of an hour later it was 110⅝; at noon it was 114¼, and at 2 P. M., 121¼. Manhattan ranged during the day from 94 to 102¾, Metropolitan Street Railway, 183¾ to 142½; Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, 85½ to 96¼; Rock Island, 82¼ to 87¾; New York Central, 110 to 115; Central of New Jersey, 89½ to 95; Northern Pacific preferred 59¾ to 64¾; Pullman's, 168¼ to 175; Union Pacific preferred, 49¼ to 55¼; Brooklyn Gas, 110 to 116; Northwestern, 115¾ to 121¾; Consolidated Gas, 171 to 182, and Lake Shore, 180½ to 185.

During the day prices waned on selling by speculators who were on the right side and took profits, and on various reports about President McKinley's policy not being acceptable to Congress, the attitude of the Cuban Junta on the armistice suggestion, and the supposed temper of the country as set forth in the "backdown" extract of the freak newspapers. The trading calmed a little in the early afternoon, but at the close of the Exchange the dealings were almost as feverish and excited as at the opening.

Advances Were Sustained.

The advances during the day were sustained, and the declines rallied by the knowledge that a belated investment element, intent on getting stocks at war prices, snapped up blocks of shares whenever offered. In the larger commission houses the business transacted was of immense volume, and it was estimated that the dealings of a dozen leaders in the market ranged from 15,000 to 30,000 shares each.

The transactions on the Consolidated Stock and Petroleum Exchange were in like turmoil and agitation, and in point of noise the brokers were more vociferous than those across the street. All sorts of rumors were current in regard to disaster both here and on the Stock Exchange. None was found to be true, although it was evident that some houses were tightly squeezed in covering.

The most persistent yarn, heard everywhere, was "Jim Keene's busted." Even ample denial of this misfortune by Mr. Keene's business agents and their activity in his interest did not suffice to satisfy those who regarded him as the head and front of the short interest.

The buoyancy of the stock market was shared by the bond department, nearly all classes advancing. In Governments there was a sharp rally. Outside securities reflected the strength of the Exchange situation, and the curb market closed strong. Standard Oil liquidating certificates, after touching 372, closed at 385, a net gain of 27 points from the opening quotation. There were marked advances in Glucose, Malt, and Amsterdam Gas.

Some Things That Helped.

The general situation was helped by the bank statement of Saturday, which showed no money stringency, the low money rate—1 per cent. for call loans, with one bank alone having $5,000,000 to put out—new European gold engagements amounting to nearly $1,000,000, and the opinions of such merchants, manufacturers, and traders as visited brokers' offices and chatted at the tickers that the Wall Street rally gave confidence, and that the raising of the war cloud would result in a business boom. Not without influence was a report, which was verified, that marine authorities reported few requests for war risks yesterday, and that there had been a reaction in such risks to greatly reduced rates.

Some of the shorts were not amiable over the day's doings. In brokers' offices expressions often heard were: "Who says now that Washington isn't in this market?" "Good-bye McKinley and the Republican Party." "A Democrat will be inaugurated in 1900." "Any Congressman who'll stand this will be elected to stay at home."

New York University Contests.

The freshmen of New York University held their class gymnastic contest yesterday afternoon in the university gymnasium, the events consisting of exhibitions on the horizontal bar, parallel, and vaulting bars, and the vaulting horse. J. C. Herrmann, won first prize; D. Belcher, second; M. Delamater, third, and the fourth place was a tie between H. Hadley and F. Denchfield. The first and second prizes were silver cups, and the others bronze medals. Physical Director F. D. Cann and Charles Bailey were the judges.

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A JOCKEY CLUB WINS A SUIT.

But It Objects to the Justice's Decision, as It Involves the Fact that It Violated the Law.

The Queens County Jockey Club won a suit in the Supreme Court Chambers in Long Island City yesterday, but the ruling of Supreme Court Justice Wilmot M. Smith practically showed that the club was violating the racing law. Charles Litt, a bookmaker, applied for a permanent injunction to restrain the Queens County Jockey Club from preventing him entering the track and doing business. On the stand he testified that on July 26 last, during the Summer meeting of The Jockey Club at Aqueduct, he was compelled to discontinue business by Robert A. Pinkerton of the Pinkerton Detective Agency, and that he was refused admittance on the 27th, the next day, although he had purchased a ticket.

His brother Jonas, and Henry Stockfoth, who worked for him, both testified that they were stopped. They said that Pinkerton told them on July 26 that they must go to the Secretary of the club before doing business. Charles Litt said that if he had paid $25 a day to the club for the privilege of making a book he would not have been interfered with. It was shown that Litt was allowed in the race course during the Fall meeting of the club, and that his brother and Stockfoth were with him.

Robert Pinkerton, for The Jockey Club, said that Litt was disorderly on the track, and that he was ejected the same as any other disorderly person would be.

Then the counsel for The Jockey Club asked for a non-suit.

Judge Smith said that it was evident that if Litt had paid the $25 a day to do bookmaking he would have been permitted to do business. The Court said that this was shown by the fact that Litt was allowed to attend the Fall meeting, that he could go to any meeting if he paid the $25 a day fee. The counsel for The Jockey Club objected to the view of the Court regarding the $25, and tried to have the Judge change his decision, but Justice Smith said that no evidence had been introduced by The Jockey Club to show that $25 a day was not received, and that evidence had been put in by Litt that the amount had to be paid, and the testimony was not contradicted.

The Court then dismissed the application of Litt without costs.

It is against the law for a jockey club to charge any fee at the race track, and, in fact, no money is supposed to be transferred on a race course, and it was for this reason that the counsel of The Jockey Club endeavored to have the Justice change his views regarding the $25.

HAMBURG TO RACE IN ENGLAND.

High-Priced Colt Will First Be Tried on the New York Tracks.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 28.—Marcus Daly, the copper king of Montana, has admitted that the colt Hamburg, for which $60,000 is reported to have been paid, is soon to be seen on the English turf. Hamburg is now being trained by Billy Lakeland, and will be started two or three times in New York. Mr. Daly said:

"If he comes out of the races all right he will be sent to England, where he will be raced under the colors of Sir Broderick Cloete, and then retired to the stud."

HORSEMAN DIES A PAUPER.

A. Smith McCann, Once Noted in Kentucky, Expires in Lexington.

LEXINGTON, Ky., March 28.—A. Smith McCann, fifty-three years old, died to-day a pauper. Inheriting a fortune and embarking in the trotting horse business, he became a high roller and soon found his way into a private sanitarium.

A business assignment followed and finally a charity ward in a hospital became his habitation. He once sold W. C. France a half interest in Red Wilkes, for $30,000, and bought the noted Fairlawn Farm, home of the late Gen. W. T. Withers, for $100,000.

Racing at Ingleside.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 28.—Results at Ingleside:

FIRST RACE.—Five furlongs. La Mascotta won, Lucky Star second, McFarlane third. Time—1:02.

SECOND RACE.—Selling, six furlongs. Valenciane won, Goodfriend second, Queen Nubia third. Time—1:18¾.

THIRD RACE.—Olympia Stakes, handicap, nine-sixteenths mile. Sombre won, Sevens second, Frank Ireland third. Time—0:54¾.

FOURTH RACE.—Mile and a half. Ostler Joe won, Alvarado II. second, The Bachelor third. Time—2:39¾.

FIFTH RACE.—Selling, mile and a sixteenth. Baizr won, Marplot second, Go To Bed third. Time—1:48.

SIXTH RACE.—One mile. Linstock won, San Venado second, Woodford filly third. Time—1:41¾.

A. A. U. WILL TAKE ACTION.

A Fight with the I. A. A. A. Over the Registration Rule Likely.

Secretary J. E. Sullivan of the Amateur Athletic Union received yesterday from Secretary Barringer of the Intercollegiate A. A. A. the resolution adopted by the Executive Committee of the Intercollegiate A. A. A. A. on the question of registration. It was duly acknowledged and a copy forwarded to President McMillan.

Secretary Sullivan stated that he thought the matter was of such widespread interest that the question of allowing the Intercollegiate A. A. A. A. absolute exemption from the registration rule should be submitted to the Amateur Athletic Union Board in full.

As to the final outcome of the controversy Secretary Sullivan said:

"So far as I am concerned, I see no reason in the world why the Amateur Athletic Union should agree to the resolution. It would indeed be bad legislation to grant to the Intercollegiate A. A. A. A. this concession and not grant it to the other active members of the Amateur Athletic Union and its allied interests. I feel firmly convinced, however, that the Amateur Athletic Union, through its Board of Governors, should take action at once, and I am in favor of not receding one inch from the stand taken by us already. If the Intercollegiate A. A. A. A. had passed a resolution demanding that the rule be abolished entirely, there would have been some sense to it, but when they assume that they are so powerful that they alone can secure exemption from the registration rule, it is ridiculous.

"When this registration question is discussed by the members of the Amateur Athletic Union Board, it will mean one of two things, the abolishment of the registration scheme or an open rebellion with the Intercollegiate Association."

Broderick and Ernst to Meet.

The bout between Tom Broderick of Yonkers and Billy Ernst of Brooklyn, which is to take place before the Waverly Athletic Club of Yonkers Saturday night, is sure to be a good contest. Yonkers sports are willing to back their favorite pugilist to the limit, and Ernst's friends will not be slow with their money. Two eight-round preliminaries will also be presented, as follows: Neil Broderick of Yonkers vs. Jimmy Clare of Long Island, and Jimmy Rose of New York vs. Eddie Goodbody of New York.

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Algie & Tyo, Ogdensburg, N. Y.; George B. Algie, general dry goods; 43 East Ninth Street.

Atwood, A. H., Lockport, N. Y.; millinery.

Adam, Meldrum & Anderson Company, Buffalo, N. Y.; L. Machejmer, domestics, flannels, and linings; 3 Walker Street; St. Denis Hotel.

Adams, E. M. L., Fort Plain, N. Y.; E. R. Adams, millinery; Hotel Albert.

Anderson, C. W., & Son, Richmond, Va.; J. W. Anderson, carpets; Continental Hotel.

Abrams, N., Greenville, N. Y., clothing; Hotel Marlborough.

Allen, Isaac, Cambridge, N. Y., clothing; Hotel Marlborough.

Brigham, D. H., & Co., Springfield, Mass.; D. H. Brigham, dry goods; Miss A. Connelly, millinery; Broadway Central Hotel.

Brock & Wiener, Buffalo, N. Y.; H. Brock, woolens; Hotel Imperial.

Bishop, S. L., Genesee, N. Y.; W. W. Bishop, dry goods.

Bayner, M., Rome, N. Y.; dressmaker; 881 East Fifty-second Street.

Brown, T. B., Bradford, Penn.; dry goods; Hotel Lafayette.

Butler, William S., & Co., Boston, Mass.; J. N. Jowett, millinery; Murray Hill Hotel.

Biermeister Brothers & Co., Troy, N. Y.; P. Biermeister, Jr., collars and cuffs; 810 Broadway; St. Denis Hotel.

Beall, George S., Columbus, Ohio, dress goods, silks, and velvets; 45 Lispenard Street; Hotel Albert.

Barnard, Sumner & Putnam Company, Worcester, Mass.; F. A. Hawes, white goods, laces, and domestics; 52 Franklin Street; Murray Hill Hotel.

Brafman, S., & Sons, Baltimore, Md.; J. Brafman, clothing; Hotel Marlborough.

Burt, Mrs. A. V., Montour Falls, N. Y., millinery; 20 East Twelfth Street.

Colle & Sons, Buffalo, N. Y.; J. E. Thornton, furniture.

"Curran's," Waterbury, Conn.; Miss K. Curran, millinery; Miss Curran, dry goods and notions; Park Avenue Hotel.

Crandall, W. J., Scio, N. Y.; general merchandise; 347 West Forty-fourth Street.

Callender, McAuslan & Troup Company, Providence, R. I.; W. H. Keegan, fancy goods; 2 Walker Street; Stuart House.

Coons, J. S., & Co., Wilkesbarre, Penn.; J. S. Coons, notions; Hotel Marlborough.

Callender, McAuslan & Troup Company, Providence, R. I.; F. E. Burlingame, carpets; 2 Walker Street; Hotel Imperial.

Dowell & Helm, Baltimore, Md.; G. W. Helm, millinery; Grand Hotel.

Day Brothers & Company, Syracuse, N. Y.; J. H. Foster, gloves and ribbons; 66 Grand Street; New Amsterdam Hotel.

Dewey, Mrs. R. D., Watertown, N. Y.; millinery.

Denholm & McKay Company, Worcester, Mass.; W. H. Parker, cloaks; 5 Walker Street; Murray Hill Hotel.

Douglas & Martin, Whitehall, N. Y.; Miss Molina Martin, millinery and fancy goods; Margaret Louise Rome; Mrs. Anna M. Douglas, Margaret Louise Rome.

Dolley, E. B., & Co., Port Allegheny, Penn.; C. R. Bard, dry goods.

Dodge & Howard, Strowsberg, N. Y.; C. E. Dodge, general merchandise; Hotel Albert.

Donovan & Looby, Malone, N. Y.; T. P. Donovan, dry goods; Continental Hotel.

Edelblut Brothers, Punxsutawney, Penn.; H. G. Edelblut, dry goods; Blanche Kelfer, dry goods; Anna Walker, dry goods; Hotel Albert.

Ely & Walker Dry Goods Company, St. Louis, Mo.; D. D. Walker, Jr., prints and ginghams; W. H. Walker, domestics; 258 Church Street; Holland House.

Ely & Walker Dry Goods Company, St. Louis, Mo.; H. Bent, dress goods; 258 Church Street; Hotel Normandie.

Ellsworth, W. F., Bradford, Penn.; dry goods; Hotel Lafayette.

Epstein, J. G., Elmira, N. Y.; clothing; Broadway Central Hotel.

Epstein, D., Hornellsville, N. Y.; clothing; Broadway Central Hotel.

Field, Marshall & Co., Chicago, Ill.; H. I. Mills, knit goods; 104 Worth Street; Hotel Normandie.

Fisk, The Misses, Montpelier, Vt.; Miss Hattie C. Fisk, millinery.

Flint & Kent, Buffalo, N. Y.; Frederick D. Yeoume, dry goods; Hotel Imperial.

Frein & Chapman, Allegheny, Penn.; V. J. Frein, millinery; 24 Schermerhorn Street, Brooklyn.

Gilreath-Durham Company, Greenville, S. C.; D. C. Durham, crockery and housefurnishing goods; 16 Cortlandt Street, care of Rogers & Brother.

Hirsch, Frank & Co., Philadelphia, Penn.; R. Frank, woolens; Grand Hotel.

Heinze, M., & Co., Milwaukee, Wis.; M. Schiller, millinery; J. Schiller, millinery; 602 Broadway; Hoffman House.

Hengerer, William, Company, Buffalo, N. Y.; R. Kuehne, millinery; 377 Broadway; Hotel Imperial.

Hunter, Glenn & Hunter, Detroit, Mich.; J. D. Fraser, furnishing goods, hosiery, and gloves; 57 White Street; Hotel Manhattan.

Hudson, J. L., & Co., Detroit, Mich.; Miss White, millinery; 45 Lispenard Street; Sturtevant House.

Harber, Mrs. A. J., Rosebud, Penn., general merchandise.

Hall, Mrs. Charles, Copenhagen, N. Y., millinery.

Henly, Mrs. K., Bradford, Penn., dressmaking; 10 Waverley Place.

Hunt, A. S., Lynchburg, Va., general merchandise; New York Hotel.

Heffernan, T., Corning, N. Y., dry goods; Hotel St. Denis.

Hamlin, T. O., & Co., Penn Yan, N. Y.; H. C. Underwood, dry goods; Waldorf-Astoria.

James, S. R., Schenectady, N. Y.; M. B. Calo, crockery.

Kingsley, H. F., Mansfield, Penn.; boots and shoes.

Killduff Brothers, Lasalle, Mich.; F. Killduff, furnishing goods; Murray Hill Hotel.

Leahy, T. J., Geneva, N. Y.; dry goods.

Long, J., Sons, Scranton, Penn.; L. M. Meyer, notions and fancy goods; 51 Franklin Street; Grand Hotel.

Millhiser Manufacturing Company, Richmond, Va.; G. Millhiser, piece goods; 258 Church Street; Holland House.

Mantell, H. L., Syracuse, N. Y.; jewelry and musical instruments; Grand Union Hotel.

Newberry, Lulu, Poland, N. Y., millinery.

O'Hara, Miss M., Utica, N. Y., dressmaker; Hotel Albert.

Oppenheim, Oberndorf & Co., Baltimore, Md.; L. A. Oppenheim, piece goods; Hotel Imperial.

Pettis Dry Goods Company, Indianapolis, Ind.; H. L. Alden, dress goods; 2 Walker Street; Grand Hotel.

Purnell, J. F., Company, Baltimore, Md.; F. W. McCarthy, white goods, notions, and hosiery; St. Denis Hotel.

Parker, Peter, Vanclusa, S. C.; general merchandise.

Plaut, J. D., & Brother, Danbury, Conn.; H. Plaut, millinery; Hotel Marlborough.

Pogue, The H. & S., Company, Cincinnati, Ohio; Miss M. Flannery, corsets; St. Denis Hotel.

Palmer Shoe Company, Brunswick, Ga.; J. T. Palmer, shoes and gents' furnishings; Broadway Central Hotel.

Phillips, S., Mount Jewett, Penn., clothing and dry goods.

Root & McBride Company, Cleveland, Ohio; C. A. Mann, furnishing goods; 51 Leonard Street; Hotel Marlborough.

Reilly, Miss A., Pittsburg, Penn., dressmaking; Hotel Waldorf.

Root & McBride Company, The, Cleveland, Ohio; C. B. Fargo, notions and fancy goods; 51 Leonard Street; Hotel Marlborough.

Sliger, A. E., Oswego, N. Y.; silver plate; Hotel Savoy.

Salamanca Co-operative Mercantile Company, Salamanca, N. Y.; H. Hevenor, dry goods; Hotel Albert.

Sycle, Julius, & Son, Richmond, Va.; S. Sycle, dry goods and notions; St. Denis Hotel.

Sammet, M. N., & Brother, Belmont, N. Y.; M. N. Sammet, general dry goods; Belvidere Hotel.

Seaman Brothers, Hyde Park, N. Y.; M. Seaman, general merchandise.

Sycle, Julius, & Son, Richmond, Va.; Samuel Sycle, dry goods; Hotel St. Denis.

Thomas, E. A., Randolph, Vt.; dry goods; Broadway Central Hotel.

Taylor, William, Son & Co., Cleveland, Ohio; T. P. Lyman, furnishing goods; 309 Broadway; Westminster Hotel.

Teall & Sons, Rochester, N. Y.; G. E. Savage, caterer.

Weber, Henry F., & Co., Lowville, N. Y.; Henry F. Weber, dry goods, carpets, &c.; Hotel Albert.

Wellers, Staunton, Va.; D. E. Everett, dry goods; Broadway Central Hotel.

Wooding, F. E., Leroy, N. Y., dry goods.

Woodward & Lothrop, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. F. Evans, ladies and infants' wear and corsets; 488 Broadway; Park Avenue Hotel.

Woodward & Lothrop, Washington, D. C.; Miss A. Metz, handkerchiefs; Miss M. Curran, gloves and parasols; Miss L. Mischell, dry goods; 488 Broadway; Holland House.

Woodward & Lothrop, Washington, D. C.; F. E. Woodward, books; 488 Broadway; Hotel Albert.

Wells, Herbert E., Burlington, N. J.; millinery and dressmaking.

Wear & Boogher Dry Goods Company, St. Louis, Mo.; J. Curlee, woolens; 56 Worth Street; Westminster Hotel.

Wise, Smith & Co., Hartford, Conn.; V. F. Borro, notions; 500 Broome Street; St. Cloud Hotel.

Zacharias, A. M., Coudersport, Penn.; Blanche Cole, millinery; 60 Clinton Place.

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SHIPPING AND THE MAILS.

Miniature Almanac This Day.

A. M.	P. M.	A. M.
Sun rises...5:48	Sun sets...6:31	Moon sets..12:27

High Water This Day.

A. M.	A. M.	A. M.
S. Hook.....Gov. Isl'd..12:14	H. Gate....2:10	
P. M.	P. M.	P. M.
S. Hook...12:56	Gov. Isl'd..12:58	H. Gate....3:31

Arrangements of Ocean Steamers, Under Mail Schedule.

Time Closing at Office.

ATLANTIC TRANSPORT LINE—Sail from Pier 14, Atlantic Docks, Brooklyn.

Mesaba, Liverpool..... 11:30 A. M.

Orinoco, Barbados..... 1:00 P. M. 3:00 P. M.

Santiago, Nassau..... 1:00 P. M. 3:00 P. M.

Trave, Bremen..... 6:00 A. M. 8:00 A. M.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30.

Germanic, Queenstown and Liverpool..... 9:30 A. M. 12:00 M.
*10:30 A. M.

...ctory Variety

...Acceptable Consign-
...St. Albans, Vt.—A
...Expected To-day
...Dr. Klopsch.

...A. Schieren nor Stephen
...of the Cuban Central
...had returned from Wash-
..., where they had gone to
...State Department and with
..., President of the Nation-
...Society. They have delayed
...till to-day, when it is expected
...will be issued defining the atti-
...committee as a body toward its
..., Dr. Louis Klopsch, in his
...with the Red Cross Society.
...the business of the committee,
...to Secretary Cooper, is steadily
...increase. The receipts during the
...week have doubled those of the week
...ago, and from present indications, it
...said, this week's receipts will exceed
...of the week just passed. Fifty tons
...provisions and supplies will be shipped
...Santiago this morning by the Ward Line
...er Santiago. The contributions are
...becoming satisfactorily diversified in
...ter, and now include every conceiva-
...ety of goods likely to be of aid to the
...ntrados, from flour and meal to old
...and hats.

Salt Is Welcome.

...most welcome communication was re-
...ed yesterday from Francis D. Moulton
...Co., 29 Broadway, stating that the firm
...twenty-five barrels of fine table salt
...ich was at the disposal of the commit-

...Ward was received from Cincinnati of the
...arrivability of a carload of sacked corn-
...meal, besides seven cases of condensed milk,
...ten cases of extract of meat, fourteen bar-
...rels of pork, and several cases of canned
...meats.

...thousand of flour was received from De-
...troit, also 100 barrels of cornmeal and
...100 cases of clothing.

...Nebraska State Committee, which
...the States thus far in its contribu-
...has notified the committee of the de-
...ve of two carloads of additional sup-
...consisting of one carload of corn and
...one car loaded with 163 barrels of flour,
...and miscellaneous supplies.

...Ulm, Minn., sends a carload of flour.

...Ohio, forwards 140 pounds of cod-
...120 pounds of cereals, 200 pounds of
...milk, and 190 pounds of cloth-

...The citizens of Waycross, Ga., have come
...forward with a particularly desirable coni-
...bution in the form of meal, flour, rice,
...corn, and a varied assortment of drugs,
...which will be in great demand among
...the refugees.

...Committee of Brunswick, Ga., besides
...sending a large consignment of groceries,
...has 1,000 pounds of soap. It is hoped
...a demand for this article at the
...of distribution.

St. Albans Women Do Well.

...women of St. Albans, Vt., yesterday
...the most varied assortment of sup-
...plies received by the committee. The
...list included three barrels of flour,
...two barrels of condensed milk, quinine,
...counterpanes, bed quilts, needles, pins,
...carpets, shoes and hats, both old
...combs, night gowns, "puffs," pin
...and several hundred other mis-
...cellaneous articles of wearing apparel, in
...addition to these. The consignment is val-
...ued at more than $500, and, according to
...the committee, is sure to be of exceptional
...benefit to those in need.

...It is announced that the business of the
...committee has increased to such an extent
...that it has had to be added to the
...force, and more would be added

...The Red Cross Society was re-
...ceived yesterday after-

...HAVANA, March 28.—The relief train con-
...sisting of three carloads of supplies for the
...reconcentrados, which started from this
...city yesterday, has made a very satisfactory
...journey. It was heard from all along the line
...and reached Guines safely.

...Dr. Klopsch, it is said, will probably re-
...main in New York at the end of the present
...week.

GENERAL LESSER'S SUCCESSOR.

Said to Take Charge of the Lee Orphanage in Havana.

...HAVANA, March 28.—Dr. Gordon a well-
...known resident Spanish physician, has been
...selected by Consul General Lee, Gen.
...Fitzhugh, and Bishop Manuel Santander y
...Valdes to take charge of the Lee Orphanage
...in succession to Dr. Lesser, who has gone
...to New York. Everything promises to work
...smoothly. Estimates are being made for
...improvements and additions, which will be
...carried out quickly, if not too expensive.

...Consul Commissioner Louis Klopsch is in
...receipt of frequent telegrams from the re-
...lief boat that is bearing supplies into the
...interior. There has been no interruption
...of the successful progress. Twenty villages
...have been succored in the Province of
...Cienfuegos, and to-day trains started from
...Cienfuegos and Cardenas.

...United States Consul Barker of Sagua la
...Grande has made a thorough inspection of
...the relief work here, and also of the plans
...for work in the interior. He expresses him-
...self highly pleased, and has compli-
...mented Mr. Klopsch on the result of his

THE FUENTES SHORT OF FOOD.

Has Had a Hard Fight, but Is Unable to Retreat Another Spanish Column.

...HAVANA, March 28.—It is reported at the
...Palace that Gen. Fuentes reached Matias,
...in the Province of Santiago de Cuba, last
...week, after severe continuous fighting.
...The most engagement took place near Ma-
...cuca, according to the Spanish ac-
...counts. Fuentes captured the headquar-
...ters of the insurgent Gen. Tovares, de-
...stroyed a tannery, several repair shops,
...a quantity of harvested crops. The
...rebels lost two killed and eight wounded.
...The insurgents had many killed and

...Fuentes's column, owing to the scan-
...city of rations, has been unable to
...effect a conjunction with the col-
...umns under Cols. Tovar and Tejeda, who
...are in the Province of Santiago de
...Cuba beyond Yajibo.

CAPT. CHADWICK LEAVES CUBA.

Guns Recovered, Leaving One of the Secondary Battery Not Found.

...HAVANA, March 28.—The Naval Board,
...consisting of Capt. Chadwick and Lieut.
...Commanders Cowles and Wainwright, ap-
...pointed to decide upon the disposition of the
...guns of the wreck of the Maine which it
...was possible to salvage, held meetings
...to-night and to-day. Its decisions have
...not been made public. Capt. Chadwick say-
...s he is not authorized to talk about the
...purpose, deliberations, or find-
...ings, but it is believed its purposes were ac-
...curately outlined in last night's cable dis-
...patch.

...Capt. Chadwick, on the Bache, sailed on
...the cutter to Key West at 4 o'clock
...this afternoon. The Mangrove has moved
...close to the wreck. The derrick barges
...have on board four six-inch guns
...and the warheads of the torpedoes
...from the Maine, as well as a
...number of rapid-fire guns and some shells.
...The cutter will go north to-day with a load of
...the guns, the main magazine aft. It is
...believed that from immersion and diffu-
...sion, as are the big shells. One
...gun will be recovered soon, leaving
...the entire secondary battery,
...supposed to be found.

...The Bache will probably have suffi-
...cient room on the wreck to leave to-
...morrow.

...Two guns have been recovered to-day
...from the wreck. One was recovered

Rescued a Cuban Family.

...Gen. Lee has, with four young chil-
...dren, taken exhibition in the Ainsa-
...Church, Williams-

COAL IN SOUTH DAKOTA.

Prospectors Find a Vast Bed in the Western Part of the State.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., March 28.—A burning coal bed covering several miles in extent, from 250 to 300 feet below the surface, was found by prospectors in the western part of the State last week.

It shows indications of having smoldered for years. Sulphurous fumes attracted the prospectors, who gave the subterranean fire a careful exploration. Coal was found in unlimited quantities.

A WHALE IN THE CHESAPEAKE.

Small Vessels Put into Annapolis for Fear of Shipwreck.

ANNAPOLIS, March 28.—A whale, said to be fully fifty feet in length, was seen in the bay last night by Capt. George Ward of the pungy Lillie May, of Annapolis, while on his way to Baltimore. Capt. Ward, along with several captains of vessels in the bay who came in close contact with the whale, put into Annapolis for safety. The whale was seen between Thomas and Sandy points and was making its way up and down the bay. The noise from its spouting could be heard a long distance off, while the water was thrown up like a tremendous fountain several feet in the air. The last whale seen in this section before this was sixty years ago.

A WATCHMAN SHOOTS A BOY.

Leroy Johnson of Paterson in a Serious Condition from His Wound.

PATERSON, N. J., March 28.—Leroy Johnson, twelve years old, was playing on the foundation of the new Court House tonight when the watchman, Patrick Nichols ordered him away. The boy refused to go, and when the watchman tried to chase him away he evaded capture. The watchman chased him for some time, but the boy being lighter and more daring than the watchman was able to keep a safe distance ahead.

The watchman finally drew his revolver and fired. He claims he simply shot to frighten the boy. The bullet struck the boy in the stomach. He is in the general hospital in a critical condition, and Nichols is under arrest.

SHOT IN PRESENCE OF A CROWD.

Man in Seattle Killed by the Father of the Girl He Was to Meet.

SEATTLE, Washington, March 28.—M. F. Schelderup, a well-known insurance solicitor, was shot and killed to-day by E. M. Bradley, a prominent contractor, on the corner of Third and Cherry Streets, in the presence of a large crowd of theatre goers.

Schelderup was standing on the corner waiting for Miss Bessie Bradley, with whom he was going to the concert at the theatre. Instead of the young lady her father appeared, and, without saying a word, drew an old-fashioned Colt's revolver and shot him through the body. Schelderup fell to the ground and expired in a few minutes.

Bradley was arrested. At the station he would make no statement beyond saying that he shot Schelderup because he had ruined three of his daughters.

PATTERSON-FITZSIMMONS SUIT.

Jury Fails to Agree as to the Alleged Assault.

WHITE PLAINS, March 28.—The often-adjourned suit of Howard J. Patterson, a coachman, against Robert Fitzsimmons, the champion pugilist, for $2,000 for an alleged assault at Beck's Hotel, Rye Beach, last September, was tried to-day in the County Court before Judge Smith Lent. The jury disagreed, and was discharged.

The story of the encounter was rehearsed in conflicting testimony. The plaintiff said that Fitzsimmons had discharged him because he failed to catch a train when he only had five minutes to drive two miles. When he asked Fitzsimmons for wages due him, at Beck's Hotel, and threatened to sue on being refused payment, Fitzsimmons pummeled him, and finally gave him a knock-out blow behind the ear. Witness admitted that he had been convicted of assault on Fitzsimmons in a Justice's court for the affair.

The pugilist testified that he was now an actor, and incidentally "the champion of all champions." He declared that Patterson assaulted him first, bringing him to his knees with a blow with a cane, and said that he was so dazed he didn't know what he did to Patterson.

FRANCES WILLARD'S ROMANCE.

A Love Affair with Bishop Fowler Referred to in Her Book.

TOLEDO, Ohio, March 28.—It will be recalled that in Frances Willard's book she makes a delicate hint of a romance in her life, the only one that has been mentioned in anything that has ever been written or said about her. The story comes from Indiana, where Bishop Fowler is now presiding over the North Indiana Methodist Episcopal Conference, that there was an early love affair between that distinguished divine and Miss Willard.

In their youth Frances Willard and Bishop Fowler were students in the same Methodist college, both being members of the Methodist Church. Between them was a strong affinity, a friendship that eventually ripened into a deep, abiding love. The ring she speaks of wearing as "an allegiance based on supposition," was the gift of Bishop Fowler. Both had great strength of character, and were born leaders.

The similarity of their temperaments was often considered by the young people as a barrier to matrimony, and it was at last agreed that it would be best for them to choose separate paths in life. The engagement, after months standing, was accordingly broken. In after years they were often brought together in their life work, but the story of the early romance was never told until after Miss Willard's death.

Historic Spots Should Be Marked.

From The Birmingham (Ala.) Ledger.

When the Daughters of the Confederacy buy the Jeff Davis mansion at Montgomery they will proceed at once to improve it and keep it in perfect order. It will be a good thing for Montgomery, a good thing for Alabama. The State will aid the Daughters in this effort. There are other places in Alabama that ought to be bought and kept as historic spots. One of these should be the place above Mobile where the French had a capital for a time. A little park there would be proper. Another should be at old St. Stephen's, to have the original Capitol of Alabama in its borders. Another little park should mark the spot where the second Capitol of Alabama stood. Yet another historic spot is the old Capitol at Tuskaloosa, which should be bought and kept. It is a beautiful spot now, but could be improved.

To Classify Vagrants.

A question which recently arose between the Commissioner of Correction and the City Magistrates as to the disposition of vagrants after being committed to the care of the Correction Department, has been settled by the classification of vagrants as out-of-town and indigenous. The former wanderers, if captured in this city, will be treated as State offenders, and the State will pay for their "keep" in the workhouse. An old law, enacted in 1880, required out-of-town tramps to be sent to the penitentiary when arrested.

License in New Hampshire.

From The Portsmouth (N. H.) Journal, (Rep.)

It really appears that the license sentiment in New Hampshire is steadily growing, and in a few years the utterly impracticable prohibitory law will be abolished in favor of a practical license measure. The efforts of the Law and Order League to secure the enforcement of the prohibitory law are becoming weaker, and the questionable measures pursued by its agents have resulted only in bringing the law into greater disrepute, and common sense will soon conquer morbid sentiment, perhaps even at so early a date as next Winter.

Justice Goodrich of the Supreme Court Says It Was Her Duty to Protect the Maine.

WAS PART OF OUR TERRITORY

If an Official Destroyed Her, That of Itself Would Be War—If a Private Citizen Did It, Reparation Must Be Given.

A public utterance on the Spanish crisis by a recognized authority on international and admiralty law was made last night in a lecture before the Brooklyn Institute, delivered by Presiding Justice William W. Goodrich of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court. Justice Goodrich before his elevation to the bench was in the front rank of the American admiralty bar, and was a member of the International Maritime Congress of 1889. The subject of his lecture, which was delivered before the Law Department of the Institute, in the Art Building, on Montague Street, was "The Admiralty, with Special Reference to Laws Governing the Rights of Nations With Respect to Vessels of War." The audience was large and enthusiastic, and frequently interrupted the Justice with prolonged applause. Among the audience were many prominent men, including Supreme Court Justice Dickey, President Rossiter of the Brooklyn Heights Railroad, School Commissioner John J. Williams, and Thomas G. Shearman.

The part of the lecture which had reference to the Maine disaster was as follows:

"In times of peace a war vessel of any nation is welcome to the ports of any other nation. Indeed, it may be said that a war vessel has a the right of entry and protection in the seaports of any nation with which the nation whose flag she flies is at peace. This embraces the right of immunity while in the harbor against injury from external causes. It is customary to have local officials indicate the place where the vessel shall anchor, and this necessarily imposes upon them the duty of selecting a safe place. In time of war, but not in time of peace, a nation may pave the bottom of its harbors with mines and torpedoes, but when it assumes to point out a place of anchorage it also assumes the responsibility of selecting a safe place. [Applause.]

The Responsibility Clear.

"If there is at the place of anchorage a submarine mine known to the Government, but unknown to the commander of the vessel, it would seem to follow that the power which selects the place of anchorage is responsible for the injury which necessarily and naturally results." [Applause.]

Justice Goodrich said that where there is a general consensus of opinion as to any principle of municipal law, the international law usually follows the municipal law. He therefore examined the common law rules on negligence, and showed that they led to the same conclusion.

"The Maine," he continued, "a war vessel of the United States, proceeded to Havana after formal notification of her intention to do so, given by the Government of the United States to the Spanish Government. She was welcomed to the harbor by the authorities, and directed to be moored in a place indicated by the Government. Suppose that some miscreant floated down a torpedo and intentionally destroyed her and her precious cargo of humanity, or that some failure of watchfulness on the part of officers in charge of mines and torpedoes enabled a Spanish citizen, (whether loyalist, rebel, or autonomist,) to fire a mine or torpedo? In either case there is clear right to demand indemnity, apology, and reparation. [Applause.]

"We are not without precedents. In 1847 Don Pacifico, a British subject, resided in Athens. It was customary in that city to signalize the Easter festival by burning an effigy of Judas Iscariot. That year the ceremony was prevented, and the mob, attributing this action to his influence, burned his house and maltreated his family. The British Minister called the attention of the Greek Government to the matter. In December, 1849, after patiently waiting nearly two years, the British Government delivered an ultimatum to the Greek Government, and in case of refusal ordered the English Admiral in the Mediterranean to lay an embargo on Greek shipping. This was done. Negotiations followed, and the indemnity was paid.

Cases in Which We Have Made Reparation.

"In 1851 riots broke out in New Orleans and Key West in which the Spanish Consul at New Orleans was attacked and injured. Spain demanded reparation, and Webster, as Secretary of State, held that reparation should be made, and it was done. In 1891 a mob in New Orleans lynched a number of Italians accused of complicity in the murder of the Chief of Police. Italy demanded reparation, and the Secretary of State advised Congress to make reparation. In 1893 a lot of Chinese were killed in Wyoming, and our Government took similar actions.

"Some of these incidents only involved private persons, yet reparation was made by the Government on the ground that it was responsible for the lawless acts of a mob, which it might have prevented.

"Robert T. Lincoln has expressed the opinion that the right to place mines and torpedoes in a harbor exists even in time of peace. I must positively differ with this view. No government would dream of placing such dangers in the path of its own vessels in time of peace. It has no right to place them in the path of foreign vessels. The most that can be said is that if a government does place such dangers in its harbors, it is bound to give general notice, or else locate the vessel in such a place that danger may be avoided. [Applause.] Much stronger is the rule where a public vessel, a part of the sovereignty of a nation, is invited to the harbor and is located by public officials.

"International law is made up of the utterances of public officials as well as the adjudications of courts. In 1884 Mr. Frelinghuysen, then Secretary of State, addressed a letter to our Minister at Pekin in reference to obstructions in the Canton River, there being war with France. He said the obstructions were only to be tolerated as a temporary war measure. Secretary Bayard, in 1886, wrote a similar message. A much stricter rule should prevail where the obstructions are actively and affirmatively dangerous, like mines and torpedoes. In the present condition of Cuba there is no occasion for them. The insurgents have no fleet, and have never threatened attack by sea.

An Extension of Our Territory.

"A public vessel is entitled to the same protection as an Ambassador. A ship is held to be an extension of the territory to which she belongs, and an injury to her is an injury to the soil of her flag, for which reparation must be made; and a refusal to grant it is a justifiable cause of war." [Applause.]

Justice Goodrich then took up the treaty of 1795 between Spain and the United States, and showed that by its terms Spain was specifically bound to protect our war vessels in such a case. "Can it be supposed," he asked, "that with a large and disciplined Spanish army in Havana, with accomplished officers in command, with the shore guarded against possible attack, the Spanish Government could not have defended and protected the Maine? The court of inquiry has shown that the damage resulted from an external cause. Upon that report our Government should and surely will found its future action, without regard to the finding of any Spanish court. [Applause.]

"But it does not follow that war must necessarily result. If it had been clear that the Maine was destroyed by the act of an official, the incident itself would have been an act of war. In such case there would be no question of indemnity or reparation, and no alternative to war. No nation could permit the destruction of its war vessels without following it up by war. [Applause.] To act otherwise would be to destroy our National self-respect and incur the contempt of the world. But assuming that the act was that of a Spanish citizen, then representations must be made to the Government of Spain and reasonable opportunity afforded for reparation; and not until reparation is refused should war be declared."

Suicide of R. N. Jones of Hartford.

HARTFORD, Conn., March 28.—Richard N. Jones of the firm of Jones & Little committed suicide this morning by cutting his throat with a razor, presumably during a fit of insanity. He was a thirty-second degree Mason, a Past Master of Hartford Lodge, and a Sir Knight of Washington Commandery. A year ago he married Miss Ella Boardman of New Britain as his second wife.

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ANTI-PLATT REPUBLICANS.

Resolutions Indorsing the New Primary Bill Adopted by the General Committee.

A discussion of the new Primary Reform bill, and of resolutions relating to it, occupied all the session of the General Committee of the Republicans of the County of New York at Hardman Hall last night. Digests of the bill, with accompanying resolutions, were offered by Chase Mellen and by W. Houston Kenyon. Mr. Kenyon's synopsis was adopted, and it was decided to have it printed and distributed about the different Assembly districts.

As soon as he had read his abstract, Mr. Kenyon offered these resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this organization recommend to all its members and sympathizers and to all Republicans generally in the County of New York, to enroll in the new Republican Party organization to be started under the provisions of the new primary election law;

Resolved, That the several Assembly district associations be recommended to urge and to secure a large enrollment of the Republicans of their respective Assembly districts in that new Republican Party organization;

Resolved, That the several Assembly district associations be recommended and urged and empowered to nominate for the June primaries of that new Republican Party organization, a full reform ticket for members of the County Committee of that new organization from their respective Assembly districts, and to arrange for and secure the nomination in each primary district of a full reform ticket for delegates to conventions to elect delegates to the Republican State Convention, and to print and circulate said tickets and to secure the success of those tickets at the primaries and at the same time to enlarge the membership of this organization.

Resolved, That the several Assembly district associations be recommended to so nominate said tickets and to so conduct the campaign as to unite in their respective Assembly districts all the elements of reform looking to the bettering of conditions within the party over what has existed in the old machine under the old methods and leadership.

Resolved, That a Special Campaign Committee of seven be appointed by the President with power to conduct the general campaign for the said enrollment and primaries on behalf of this organization, in co-operation with the standing committees;

Resolved, That the Finance Committee be directed to take steps looking to the collection of a special fund to help meet the expenses of said campaign; and,

Resolved, That a Special Committee on Enforcement of the Primary Election Law, to consist of seven members, with power to add to their own number, be appointed by the President, to advise all inquirers with respect to the provisions of said law, to take measures to discover and prevent attempted breaches of the law and to secure the indictment and punishment of all offenders against the law, and generally to secure the full and fair enforcement of the law by the public officers charged with duties under it;

Resolved, That in the judgment of this General Committee, this organization should be continued and enlarged and directed permanently to the end of obtaining and maintaining within and throughout the Republican Party in the County of New York, fair and honest methods of party government, the right of every individual to an equal share therein, the right of the majority to rule, and the maintaining, as a cardinal doctrine of the Republican Party in this county of the right and duty of non-partisanship in nominations and elections to municipal and county offices.

William Brookfield had also prepared a synopsis of the primary bill, but as he professed himself satisfied with the one offered by Mr. Kenyon it was not presented to the meeting. J. Noble Hayes suggested that, as the bill had not received the Governor's signature, it was premature to take action on its provisions, but the Chairman, Gen. Wager Swayne, ruled that as the bill emanated from Gov. Black it was safer to assume that he would sign it than to postpone action.

A resolution by Mr. Brookfield, seconded by Anson G. McCook, instructed the Chairman to appoint a special Ways and Means Committee of twenty-five from "members of this organization and Republicans in sympathy with its aims," to co-operate with the General Committee in connection with the new enrollment and primaries.

W. F. Daly of the special Committee on By-laws presented a set of by-laws that were accepted without debate, and Chase Mellen of the Committee on Constitutional Amendments reported progress.

Gen. Swayne said he would name the committees authorized within a few days.

CITIZENS' UNION WORK.

To Promote Rapid Transit and Consider a New Bridge.

The Executive Committee of the Citizens' Union met last night at the headquarters, in East Twenty-third Street, with President Von Briesen in the chair. The Committee of Fifty appointed to fight the Ellsworth Bi-Partisan Rapid Transit Commission bill was continued, with instructions to do all in its power to promote the prompt establishment of rapid transit under the system devised by the present commission.

A committee, consisting of J. W. Weed of Queens, A. S. Haight of Brooklyn, and E. R. L. Gould of Manhattan, was appointed to consider the question of the early construction of a bridge across the East River over Blackwell's Island, to Queens, and Clarence D. Ashley and Boudinot Keith were named a committee to consider the propriety of the Citizens' Union, as such, taking part in the Senate and Assembly campaign of next Fall.

Secretary Hatch reported that a committee of workingmen from "an east side Assembly district" had reported that a strong Citizens' Union organization had been formed there of laboring men, but that storekeepers and house owners were afraid to join and incur the "persecution of the Tammany Hall Police and Health Boards."

FUSION TICKET IN OREGON.

Nominations of the People's-Democratic-Silver Republican Party.

PORTLAND, Oregon, March 28.—A fusion State ticket under the name of the People's-Democratic-Silver Republican Party has been completed. The following nominations were made:

Governor—W. R. KING, (Populist.)

Congressmen—First District, R. M. VEATCH, (Democrat;) Second District, C. M. DONALDSON, (Silver Republican.)

Secretary of State—P. R. KINCAID, (Silver Republican.)

Justice of the Supreme Court—WILLIAM M. RAMSEY, (Democrat.)

State Treasurer—J. O. BOOTH, (Democrat.)

Attorney General—J. I. STORNY, (Populist.)

State Printer—C. F. FITCH, (Populist.)

Superintendent of Public Instruction—H. S. LYMAN, (Populist.)

The Middle of the Road Populists, who bolted the regular Populist Convention, nominated a separate State ticket.

Manchester, Conn., Woods Mystery.

MANCHESTER, Conn., March 28.—The body of the young woman which was found in the woods here Saturday has not yet been identified. There is still a possibility that it is that of Miss Bertha Mellish, the missing student of Mount Holyoke Seminary, although the detailed description of Miss Mellish obtained from the seminary at Mount Holyoke is somewhat at variance with that of the body.

Grand Nephew of Buchanan Killed.

ALTOONA, Penn., March 28.—James W. Buchanan, a grand-nephew of the late ex-President Buchanan, was run down by a train and killed in the Pennsylvania Railroad yard yesterday. The body was discovered by his wife, who left her house to search for him.

Bill Extending Black Civil Service Law to This City Withdrawn in Senate.

KILLED BY PLATT, IT IS SAID

Senator Brush Protested Against the Irregular Manner in Which the Measure Had Been Reported by Cities Committee.

ALBANY, March 28.—The Grady bill extending the operation of Gov. Black's civil service law to New York City enjoyed a comet-like career on the Senate calendar to-night. The bill was introduced on Jan. 14, but met with such opposition from the Republican Senators that it lay dormant in the Cities Committee until last Saturday, when it was reported from that committee, and, on Senator Ellsworth's motion, advanced to third reading so as to be ready for passage to-night.

This action was taken without any meeting of the committee being held, and without any ballot being taken. The matter was simply talked over by the Chairman and certain of the members, and the bill reported from the floor. In this way it escaped attention so completely that scarcely anybody outside the committee knew the bill had been reported until it appeared on the calendar to-night.

Among those who were most surprised was Senator Brush, who is a member of the Cities Committee, but who had not been notified of a meeting or of the action on this bill. Mr. Brush instituted an investigation, and found that other members of the committee, among them Senator White, were equally innocent of information on the subject. Senator Brush gave notice that he would protest against the irregular manner in which the report had been made, but before the bill was reached on the calendar Senator Grady moved its recommittal, thus ending its career irrevocably.

Chairman Stranahan said, in explanation of the curious procedure regarding the bill that a great clamor for its passage had arisen from certain of the bi-partisan boards in New York City who thought the Black law would give them a better civil service than they could expect from the Tammany commission under the old law which now governs them. The bill had been put on the calendar, he said, so as to have it in shape to be passed in case it should be decided wise to do so. It had not been so decided, and Mr. Grady had withdrawn the measure of his own motion.

From an entirely reliable source it is learned that Mr. Grady had the bill recommitted because he found that it could not be passed. Orders, it is affirmed, have been received from Mr. Platt to kill all civil service bills, and Grady's was the first to go.

THE SAVAGE GUN AGAIN.

Bill Appropriating $300,000 for Purchase of Arms of This Pattern May Be Rushed Through.

ALBANY, March 28.—What is known in legislative history as the "Savage Gun Scandal" has come to the front again.

The Savage gun is the invention of a Utica man, and for several years past a company, whose capital is said to consist largely of political influence, as represented by the presence of Charles W. Hackett and other Republican politicians among its stockholders, has been trying to get it adopted by the State. In 1895 this combination succeeded in securing the creation of a commission to select a rifle for the use of the National Guard. This commission, as a result of the same political pressure, selected the Savage gun, but the choice was attended with such suspicious circumstances that Gov. Morton refused to approve its findings, and the scheme fell through.

Last year another effort was made to put a bill through the Legislature to commit the State to the purchase of the Savage rifle, but the newspapers exposed the deal and again it was defeated. The influence of Chairman Hackett of the Republican State Committee, who is a stockholder in the company, was recognized in this attempt, as it had been in those that preceded it. It was shown, however, that the Savage Company had no factory to manufacture the rifles they proposed to sell the State, and that the whole scheme was a speculation, the result of which would be to put large profits into the pockets of its promoters, while foisting on the State an untried arm, different from any in use by the regular army or by the National Guard of the other States, a condition of things which was recognized as highly undesirable in case of actual war.

One day last week Mr. Coggeshall quietly introduced in the Senate a bill authorizing the Governor to enter into a contract for the manufacture and purchase for the use of the State of not less than 15,000 guns of modern pattern, consisting of magazine breech-loading rifles "of the pattern recommended by the Board of Examiners of Improved Firearms, appointed under the provisions of Chapter 600 of the Laws of 1895." The sum of $300,000 was to be appropriated for the purpose.

The "Board of Examiners" referred to was the one which selected the Savage rifle, but whose findings were repudiated by Gov. Morton, and the bill was readily recognized as a revival of the Utica Savage gun scheme. The fact that State Chairman Hackett appeared here the day the bill was introduced and remained several days thereafter was taken as indicating that political power was again behind the undertaking. That Mr. Hackett's work was not unsuccessful was shown by the reporting of the Coggeshall bill by the Finance Committee and its advancement without opposition to the order of third reading.

With the prevailing war excitement and the influence of the Chairman of the Republican State Committee to help them, the promoters of the scheme hope to jam the bill through with little or no debate in the hurry and confusion of the closing days of the session.

THE PRIMARY QUESTION.

Friends of Reform Concerned Because the California Law Has Been Declared Unconstitutional.

ALBANY, March 28.—Some apprehension has been aroused here among the friends of primary reform by the announcement, made in the San Francisco correspondence of THE NEW YORK TIMES, that the new California primary law has been declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court of that State.

The California law, which was enacted March 13, 1897, differs radically in detail from the act just passed by the New York Legislature, and it is thought likely that the points on which it has been pronounced unconstitutional are not incorporated in the New York law. Even if they are, the friends of the law here point out, the differences in the Constitutions of the Two States might make what is unconstitutional in one constitutional in the other.

While the grounds of the decision of the California Supreme Court are not known, it is suspected that they rest on the violation of the secrecy of the ballot. The California law provides what is known as an "open" primary. There is no preliminary party enrollment, but every elector whose name appears on the registry roll of the previous general election is entitled to vote on the annual primary day. The primaries of all parties are held at the same time and place, a separate ballot box being provided for each party, and the boxes being all set in a row in the polling place, with the name of the party plainly marked on each. The law provides that "as each voter approaches to vote, when it is ascertained that he is entitled to vote, it shall be noted in the register by the clerk in which box he votes, by writing in the register, opposite his name, the name of the box into which he votes." As this register is public, the secrecy of the ballot, it is pointed out, practically is done away with.

The New York law requires that the enrollment registers be kept sealed, and makes it a misdemeanor for any election official or any other person, on the days of registration or in the interval between any such day and the next ensuing day of general election, to "reveal or disclose the names or number of the enrolled electors of any party, or make, publish, or circulate a list of such names, or of any thereof, or do or

Bill Appropriating $42,000 for an Arsenal at Whitehall Passed.

Final Action on Various Measures in Senate and Assembly.

ALBANY, March 28.—The following bills passed the Senate to-night:

Mr. Paris—Appropriating $42,000 for an arsenal at Whitehall, (substituted for an identical bill introduced by Senator Brackett.)

Senator Daly—Amending the property laws in relation to the recording of conveyances.

F. Schmid—Requiring the County Clerk of Kings County to make monthly instead of quarterly returns to the Secretary of State in criminal cases.

Mr. Marshall—Authorizing cities of the first and second classes to appropriate moneys for the establishment of public art galleries.

Senator Grady—Providing that no devices or inscriptions shall be attached to the flag of the United States or the flag of the State of New York.

Senator Ford—Providing for the change of motive power in the operating of certain railways in and near public parks in cities.

Senator Cantor—Amending the New York charter relating to the collection of unpaid taxes levied prior to January, 1898.

Senator Gay—Permitting school grounds in Greater New York to be used in Summer as play grounds.

The following were among the bills passed by the Assembly:

Mr. Gale—Fixing the percentages of the tax on the business of foreign fire insurance companies in Richmond and Queens Boroughs, to be paid to the Exempt Volunteer Firemen's Association of these boroughs, of the New York Volunteer Firemen's Association, and the Firemen's Home at Hudson.

Mr. Taylor—Appropriating $380,000 for improvement of existing mechanical and other structures connected with the canals of the State.

Mr. McEwan—Prohibiting printing of photo-engraving in the State prisons.

Mr. Martin—Providing that the Court must appoint a new referee where a new trial is ordered.

Mr. B. C. Brennan—Providing for the transfer of a plot of land in Brooklyn to the Brooklyn Free Library.

Senator Coggeshall—Authorizing the Factory Inspector to designate deputies to visit and inspect all places where labor is employed in the construction of public works for the State or a municipal corporation, for the purpose of ascertaining if the provisions of the labor laws are complied with.

Senator Wray—Providing that the Appellate Division of the Second Judicial Department may direct that an appeal from the New York City Municipal Court may be taken direct to that court.

Also, providing that foreign corporations shall have the same authority in this State as in their own.

PAVEY CANAL RESOLUTION DEAD

Assembly Grants Extension of Time to Investigation Commission.

ALBANY, March 28.—The Assembly Committee on Rules to-day reconsidered its action in reporting favorably last week the Matteson-Pavey resolution authorizing the disposal of the canals to the Federal Government. This resolution is on the order of final passage in the Senate, and was down for consideration by the Assembly as a special order for to-night. The action of the committee takes the resolution from the Assembly calendar, and practically kills it.

The Assembly to-night passed the Nixon bill, extending to July 1 the time for the Canal Investigation Commission to complete its labors.

Investigation Commission Meeting.

ALBANY, N. Y., March 28.—The Canal Investigation Commission met in this city to-day and appointed as engineer Edward P. North of New York City, Vice President of the American Association of Civil Engineers. After making this appointment the commission adjourned to meet in this city on Monday, April 4, to enable its counsel to consult with Engineer North to prepare for the work of the commission.

For the Omaha Exposition.

The New York State Commission appointed by Gov. Black to represent the State at the Trans-Mississippi and International Exposition at Omaha held its first meeting yesterday at Forty-fourth Street and Madison Avenue, in the office of Dr. W. Seward Webb, who resigned from the commission because he was a Vermont resident. Chauncey M. Depew was elected President. John Jacob Astor, Henry B. Hebert, Abel E. Blackner, all of this city; Charles M. Stone of Deposit, Jacob Amos of Syracuse, and John C. Graves of Buffalo, are the other members. It was decided to send Mr. Amos to Albany to ask the Legislature for $25,000 for the representation.

THE GUY ADVERTISING BILL.

New York Merchants, Headed by C. C. Shayne, Will Appear in Its Behalf Before the Governor.

Despite the knowledge that Gov. Black favors the bill introduced into the Senate by Senator Guy and recently passed by both the Senate and Assembly to prevent false and misleading advertising, the merchants and manufacturers of the State, who are behind the measure, are determined that it shall not fail to secure the Governor's signature. A committee composed of the leading merchants of New York and the other cities of the State will appear before the Governor in behalf of the bill some time during the coming week. The unanimous action of the Assembly, which passed the bill Friday, has been received with complete satisfaction by every merchant in this State.

The bill went through the Assembly by a vote of 109 to 5, and President C. C. Shayne of the Merchants and Manufacturers' Board of Trade, who has been working on the measure for the past two years, and through whose efforts it was prepared and pushed to its present status, said last night that he had information in which it was said to be certain that Gov. Black would sign the measure as soon as it was sent to him. To prevent any misunderstanding, however, and to overcome any opposition that may be made to the bill, the committees will appear before the Governor.

There is a general understanding at Albany that Gov. Black detests vetoing bills, so that when a measure is introduced to which the administration is antagonistic, such a bill is usually smothered in committee. The fact that the bill was passed by an almost unanimous vote in both the Senate and Assembly, leads shrewd watchers of legislation to believe that the bill will become a law within a week.

Once it is enforced the swindling methods of dishonest advertisers will have to cease, as a merchant or any other person who sells an article as one thing when it is another can be convicted of a misdemeanor and sentenced to a term of imprisonment. So great has been the false advertising abuse that hundreds of the most reputable business men of New York and those throughout the State have either ceased to advertise altogether or they have reduced their advertising to a minimum. Such merchants found that in many cases where they advertised a real article at a fair price they would find in the columns adjoining advertisements inserted by less reputable firms offering articles alleged to be the same, but which were not and which could not be the same, for less than half the money asked by reputable merchants.

In speaking of the efforts made in behalf of the bill Mr. Shayne said:

"We have needed this bill for a long time, and now that it is about to become a law I think the results will be great, in raising the standard of the present methods of business of hundreds of houses. The trend of advertising for a number of years has been toward injuring honest business methods as well as defrauding the purchasing public, and it is high time that it is stopped. I am certain that the bill will be signed, because I have great confidence in the judgment of Gov. Black. So far, he has signed every bill sent to him that has been of any benefit to the public and which upheld right over wrong. Reputable merchants throughout the State are watching the measure closely, and there is none but who hopes the Governor will make it a law. Gov. Black has done much to make himself powerful with business men, and his approval of the bill will place him higher than ever in their estimation."

All of the members of the Merchants and Manufacturers' Board of Trade are in favor of the measure, and they have done all they could to help Mr. Shayne in his fight for it.

Andrew Patterson, R. R. Lyon, R. M. Watters, and Charles Hauptner. These gentlemen will form part of the committee which is to appear before the Governor some time during the present week. Mr. Shayne is now arranging with Gov. Black for the hearing. When the date is arranged it is probable that a number of other members of the board will go to Albany with the committee. There are nearly 700 merchants and manufacturers in the board, and they employ more than 100,000 persons and represent a combined capital of about $200,000,000.

Merchants Favor Cantor-Hill Bill.

A representative of the Merchants' Association has been sent to Albany to work for the Cantor-Hill bill to submit to the vo

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"A SUBMARINE MINE."

The report of the board appointed to inquire into the loss of the Maine is now laid before the American people, by the authorization of the Government. The battleship, lying in the harbor of Havana under the protection of the Spanish Government, and moored to the same buoy to which she had been assigned by the authorities three weeks before, "was destroyed by the explosion of a submarine mine."

That is to say, the destruction was not an accident, but a deliberately organized massacre. It was carried out by means not ordinarily within the control of private persons. If a fanatical Spaniard had taken a rifle and from a boat or from the shore had killed one of the officers or men on the Maine's deck, it would be easy to believe that his act was all his own, and that nobody but himself was responsible for it. But this is a very different case. The preparation, placing, and explosion of a machine able to destroy a ship like the Maine involved a conspiracy. Such a massacre required long premeditation, expensive preparation, and a considerable number of accomplices. It was of course greatly facilitated by the situation of the ship, which had been fixed upon her arrival and had not been changed.

A submarine mine of such extent and power is an engine of warfare exclusively. It can have no peaceful use. It is not within the reach of any private person. No dealer has such a thing "in stock." It is doubtful whether there is any civilian in Havana capable of constructing one. A private person or a private association has no more use for a powerful submarine mine than for a battery of artillery or an armored cruiser. It is not an article of commerce. Governments may buy guns or even battleships, but submarine mines are made as they are wanted, in the ordnance department of armies. Neither the appliances for their construction nor the experience and skill required to construct them are to be easily found except in the military or naval services. An equal or greater degree of experience and skill is needed to direct them successfully against the object intended to be destroyed, and to insure the explosion at the right time. These qualities are not to be expected among civilians. To be sure of finding them it will be necessary to employ experts. The only experts are professional military or naval officers who are also specialists in the use of explosives. In the case of the Maine the care and skill with which the explosion was arranged in all its details are attested by its complete and unqualified success. The ship was entirely destroyed and five out of six of her crew were killed, the explosion being so timed as to reduce to a minimum their chance of escape.

Such are the awful presumptions ere they can be repelled by positive evidence that the destruction of the Maine was caused by some other persons than those who usually possess the means of destroying her as she was destroyed. But it is only by such evidence that they can be repelled. The questions raised by the report of the Board of Inquiry are questions for Spain to answer.

A GOOD BEGINNING.

The President's determination to send food to the starving people of Cuba is scarcely more admirable as an exhibition of humanity than as a piece of tactics. It illustrates in its perfection the great art of putting your opponent hopelessly in the wrong while reserving for yourself the substantial advantage of the eternal right. Spain would cut a poor figure in the eyes of the world if she should resist our attempt to feed those hungry mouths and bring back to life the men, women, youths, and babes who under her ministrations have come to their last gasp. She can dare much, but not that. It would be too monstrous, too dastardly. Besides, her refusal would avail her nothing, as it is to be presumed that the President would promptly take up the larger question if his humane proposition met with a rebuff.

The relief of the starving Cubans is therefore a most fortunate beginning of our policy of relieving all the Cubans. It is a peaceful beginning, and that is better than a warlike one. It advances our negotiations with Madrid to a stage where they must move with some rapidity and can move in only one direction. Having in the execution of the work of relief obtained the last irrefutable proofs of the frightful conditions that Spain has created in her futile efforts to maintain her rule it is not for one moment to be supposed that we should abate our pressure upon the Madrid Government for a permanent peace in Cuba. In purveying and distributing supplies to the Cubans we shall put ourselves in a position of friendly interest which will give us the right to urge upon Spain with the insistence of a party actually in interest some reasonable course which will extricate her from her helpless predicament and free us from our present anxieties.

There are two fundamental conditions of pacification upon which we must insist—that it shall be prompt and that it shall be permanent. Even the Madrid Government must see that it would be imprudent to ask for delay. Our own Government, we presume, has no intention of giving bounty with one hand and signing Spain's license to provide more recipients of bounty with the other. A continuance of the slaughter and savagery in Cuba will prolong the intolerable condition of strain and excitement and suspense under which we are suffering in the United States.

Permanency in the settlement is not less essential than promptness. To stop fighting now and begin again next Fall is not pacification. It would only put off the inevitable adjustment, subjecting us to the serious loss and the harassing anxieties of a Summer of war talk and yellow journalism in daily convulsions. We may rest assured that, by whatever name it may be called, any arrangement the Administration makes for ending hostilities will make no provision for their resumption. Time is in our favor and against Spain. If we persuade her to stop fighting now and to begin at once the negotiations for a permanent peace in Cuba, whatever may become of the negotiations, she will be in no mood or condition to take up the sword again at the end of the rainy season now beginning. There is an impression, which we hope is well founded, that the Sagasta Ministry, fortified by the vote of confidence with which it was honored by the Spanish people at the elections on Sunday, is disposed to accept any reasonable terms that we may propose for settling our differences.

"OUR BUSINESS" IN CUBA.

One does not go to Russia for accurate information on American affairs. But when the Novosti of St. Petersburg accuses this country of "a barbarous attempt to grab Cuba," what it says is worth attention because there is reason to believe that this is the common belief in Continental Europe, and partly accounts for what the Novosti goes on to say, that "all the European States sympathize with Spain."

Our Russian contemporary accuses us of attempting to do in Cuba precisely what Russia has been doing in China, of what it justly calls "a barbarous attempt" to seize the territory of a weaker power. Wherever this is believed we shall be condemned, and it appears that it is believed in capitals much less remote and much better informed than St. Petersburg. There is no American citizen who does not know that it is entirely unfounded, and who is not at a loss to know how so unfounded a notion came to be accepted in Europe.

All of us know that the United States will interfere in Cuba for the purpose of rescuing Cuba from a condition that has become intolerable, and for no other purpose. We have no ulterior designs on the island whatsoever. If it were offered to us as a gift we should doubtless decline it, as we are about to decline Hawaii, and for the same reason, that it is occupied by an alien population which could not be incorporated into our citizenship as a self-governing State, and which we have no means of governing otherwise than as a State. Our only desire respecting Cuba is to see it peaceful and prosperous, in a condition of good neighborhood and mutually profitable commercial intercourse. If Spain could bring it to that condition we should be more than content. But that supposition is entirely inadmissible. For thirty years, since open or of smothered war. Whatever the Spanish official pretensions that the war is "brigandage," the Spanish Government practically recognises that the entire native population of Cuba is hostile to it, and it acts upon this recognition. Spain long ago exterminated the aborigines of Cuba. She is now engaged in the operation of exterminating another population of the island. She requires our assistance in this operation as an act of friendliness, and we have for years been recognising this obligation by an expensive and troublesome patrol of our own coast.

Meanwhile the devastation of Cuba has gone on till it threatens "the destruction of the subject matter of the controversy." The horrible sufferings of the Cuban non-combatants have been repeatedly recounted by American witnesses, most recently and most impressively by Senator PROCTOR. We should be less than human if these accounts did not excite our sympathy with the sufferings of the Cubans. The same case is presented to the United States by Cuba that was presented to Europe by Armenia. The mutual jealousies of the European powers prevented intervention in Armenia and left the powers a divided responsibility. There is no jealousy and no division in this case. We constitute the American concert, and our responsibility, if we left the Cubans to be exterminated, would be undivided and complete. At present our "barbarism" is shown in an attempt to convey food to Cuba to prevent the Cubans from dying of starvation. But we recognise that that is but a palliative, and that Cuba can never be peaceful or prosperous until Spain has abandoned the attempt to govern it. When that happens, the object of our intervention will have been accomplished. We know that our business in Cuba is the business of humanity. If Europe does not know that, Europe does not know the cardinal fact of the Cuban question.

SPAIN'S OPPORTUNITY.

The impressive calmness of the President's message and of the Maine report will arrest the attention of the civilized world. A story so momentous was never before told with such perfect self-control. No head of a State ever communicated to its people facts of such gravity and such import and giving rise to such presumptions in language of such temperateness and dignity. The vicious and ignorant yellow press which rails at the message as timid and halting convicts itself of astonishing lack of perception, but can do no public harm, since any person of sufficient education to spell out its pestilent headlines must also have spelled out the President's message and so have come at the truth.

In announcing the transmission of the report to the Government at Madrid the President says: "I do not permit myself to doubt that the sense of justice of the Spanish nation will dictate a course of action suggested by honor and the friendly relations of the two Governments." It was in language strikingly like this that Lord JOHN RUSSELL, speaking through the British Minister at Washington, communicated to Secretary of State SEWARD the hope of her Majesty's Government that the United States would take a just, legal, and reasonable view of its blunder in the Trent affair. It was a terrible blunder. The American people did not at first think it was a blunder, and they blustered much as the Spaniards are blustering now. But Great Britain had swiftly prepared for war—and we were in the wrong, which was a still graver reason for yielding. We yielded.

The studied moderation and courtesy of the President's language, the unmistakable clearness with which the facts and the practice of nations point out to Spain the path of justice and of honor, and the reports she must have received of our marked activity on sea and land during the last forty days will prompt Spain, we sincerely hope, to follow our high example in the case of the Trent.

THE NATIONAL DEFENSE

The discovery that a nation of seventy millions is at a disadvantage in dealing with a nation of seventeen millions has brought to the mass of Americans "a realising sense" of their National defenselessness. War is now as it always has been the last argument of nations. A nation which is not prepared for war cannot carry on, upon an equal footing with a nation which is so prepared, the earlier stages of a controversy of which war may be the final stage. The nation which is not prepared, in the last resort, to fight for its rights is in danger of losing them. Such a nation can have no guarantee of peace with honor.

These are the truths which our military and naval men have been uttering in official reports and unofficial speeches and writings for many years without succeeding even in attracting the public attention. They have pointed out that we were at the mercy of a third-class power, and that that was a shameful and intolerable situation. Yet no Congressman regarded them. On a sudden we have found ourselves in a controversy with a third-class power, and we have discovered that we were altogether too nearly at her mercy, in case of a sudden outbreak of hostilities. The whole nation felt the situation to be shameful and intolerable, and a credit was at once opened to the President for $50,000,000 to be used at his discretion and to hold good for a year.

This result is worth a war scare. The authors of perfected plans for the National defense by land and sea find themselves able to do more in months, almost in weeks, than they had hoped to be able to do in years, toward carrying these plans into execution. It is true great requirements that our weakness has lain, as much as in the smaller things which we have omitted to prepare in advance, assuming that they could be made ready when the time came. We need the torpedo boats and torpedo-boat destroyers, "the cavalry of the navy." We need great guns and ammunition for them and men to work them for the seacoast defenses. We suddenly discover that these things are not to be improvised, either; that we can neither build nor buy them in time for a sudden need. And with these things we are now engaged in supplying ourselves.

Without reference to our relations with Spain or the course of the negotiations with that power, it is to be assumed that our preparations for defense will be pushed rapidly forward, and that the money appropriated by Congress, or so much of it as is needed, will be spent as rapidly as is consistent with getting the worth of it. This will not be a menace or a cause of just offense to Spain. It is true that it is our controversy with her that has been the occasion of these preparations. But that has been because our controversy with her has for the first time impressed the public with the fact of our defenselessness and with the conviction that that defenselessness was no longer to be borne.

DEFECTS OF THE CAFFERY BILL.

The communication addressed by the New York Board of Trade and Transportation to Senator GALLINGER, published to-day in THE TIMES, states more strongly than ever the needs of the Nation for a National Board of Health. The committee that has prepared this report addressed personal letters of inquiry to nearly one thousand professional men, experts in sanitary science, and men engaged in transportation and commercial pursuits. These inquiries related to quarantine policies in foreign countries, to quarantine in the United States, and to the requisite legislation for lessening injury to and restrictions on commerce and travel.

The conclusions reached from the almost uniform testimony of the replies to these inquiries were that no such scheme as the Caffery bill contemplates, namely, an enlargement of the powers of the Marine Hospital Service, would give to the country the protection required or to trade and transportation the relief they seek in the enforcement of sanitary regulations.

This report is a strong argument in favor of the Spooner bill, of which, in conclusion, it says: "The Spooner bill is in full accord with the most enlightened modern views of health protection. It does not abolish quarantine, but in time would bring about conditions which would make quarantine almost unnecessary."

TOPICS OF THE TIMES.

—A simpler answer than any that has been made by our correspondents to the inquirer who wanted to know where "mayflowers" can be found would have been, "Wherever the plants have not been exterminated by their cruel admirers." The trailing arbutus is extremely hardy and not especially particular about its surroundings. A warm hillside with few trees, but thickly carpeted with mosses and fallen leaves, provides what is, perhaps, the favorite habitat. It often grows well, however, both in thick forests and in open clearings not yet smoothed by the plow. All of New England and far to the north, west, and south of that section the conditions and climate are suitable for the plant's growth, and there are many places within the limits of Manhattan Borough where it probably was common not many years ago and where it would still flourish if allowed to do so. But the average urbanite is never content to spare a wild flower's life, and the consequence is that now we must go to the wilds of Jersey and Long Island to see this pink and white marvel of earliest Spring. Destruction of the arbutus is quite without excuse, for the flowers are too small to be decorative, and the leaves are so coarse of texture, so rusty in color, and so severely plain in shape that nothing can be done with them. The blossoms have a most delicious perfume, however, at once delicate and vigorous, and to this fact, no doubt, they owe most of their popularity—and all of their misfortunes. Another very common plant that seems to have been driven from the immediate vicinity of New York is the checkerberry, whose tender leaves in Spring and whose spicy red fruit in Fall are the delight of country boys and girls all through the East. Westchester County has numberless woods and fields where checkerberries should abound, but somewhat extensive wanderings through that region has failed to reveal even one bed of them. They are common enough on Long Island.

—This campaign of the theatrical managers against the ticket speculators is most interesting, chiefly because it seems to disprove a theory long held by practically the whole public. If, as has been so long believed, the speculators were merely the managers in another form, the present demonstration of implacable hostility would not have gone as far as it has. Of course, if the profits of tickets sold outside of the box offices had been divided between the original owners and the nominal middlemen, the latter would now have an easy defense. Simply by giving a detailed account of past transactions they could silence instanter those who are posing as foes of the whole sidewalk fraternity. Not a word of this sort is said, so the public will be forced to readjust its ideas.

—Somebody whom The Boston Post leaves unnamed has informed it that "nearly all the safety deposit boxes in Springfield have been taken by Boston capitalists," and it hears that savings banks in many smaller towns are receiving applications for accommodation of the same sort. Can it be that Boston capitalists are really as timid as that? The phenomenon, if it exists, deserves serious consideration, and will doubtless get it. Perhaps in time these cautious persons will inform an inquisitive Nation what it was they feared and how they thought their treasures were imperiled. Even if the Spaniards appeared on Boston Harbor it is hard to see why the deposit vaults of the city would not have served every purpose to be fulfilled by those of Springfield.

—London Truth, which complains about most things English and Governmental, has the audacity to question the wisdom shown by the army authorities recently in a case of considerable difficulty. It seems that in the course of the Afridi war a Color

AGAINST WAR WITH SPAIN.

To the Editor of The New York Times:

At present there seems to be in the public mind a great tendency in favor of action, immediate action, upon the part of our Government. In other words, a great many newspapers which are daily forming public opinion, urge the advisability of warfare between this country and Spain. It is to be hoped that those in position to shape public opinion will exert themselves against every act on our part which might tend to bring about bloodshed.

If it be popular to favor war under existing conditions, then I want to take the unpopular side in the controversy. On general principles I am not in harmony with the policies of the present Administration, but I cannot too highly commend the course thus far taken as regards our relations with Spain and the Cuban question by the Administration now in charge of our National affairs.

Why should not the policy usually adopted by sensible men in their private affairs also govern in public controversies? If two men should have a dispute over some matter involving a question of right or property or honor, and in order to settle it they deliberately proceed to see which one can kill the other, would we for a minute, as a people, commend their action? On the contrary, I think the decision would be that the one who got killed in the contest was an unfortunate fool, and should have known better than to resort to that method of settlement; and the one who came out victorious would be considered guilty of murder. Under our present laws, if two men should engage in a duel they are both guilty of the perpetration of a crime and amenable to the law which fixes a penalty for such conduct.

It seems that those who are opposed to a war with Spain are charged with the worship of the almighty dollar or are habitués of the Stock Exchange. Such insinuations are unjustifiable. We claim to be a civilized people. At best, warfare is a relic of barbarism, with all the cruelty that the term implies. Every dictate of humanity and the claim of possessing civilization suggests to us the advisability of submitting our controversies to peaceable arbitration and not that of the sword. Even if we had something to gain by launching forth into a bloody warfare I should still be opposed to it until every possible means which could be suggested in favor of peace had been tried and exhausted, regardless of the time it would take to do so.

While we may deplore the fact that thousands of the helpless non-combatants of Cuba have died from sickness and starvation, and are still dying, yet, we should not forget that Spain too has already lost millions of dollars in her Cuban warfare besides, perhaps, one hundred thousand, or more of her best soldiers. It has been truly said by a great soldier that "all warfare is hell." Let us not engage in it. Let us all labor to prevent it. We have all to lose and nothing to gain should we engage in it, even if we are victorious. A war with Spain on the facts as they now exist is apt to be far-reaching in its consequences. If we have war let it be only when the time comes that all men and all nations, not directly interested, will be forced to admit that our cause is just. A victory under those circumstances would reflect credit upon us. A victory now under the present circumstances might bring down upon our heads the condemnation of all other nations, as well as our own self-accusation.

The destruction of the Maine, so far as the evidence yet shows, is a mere incident, and offers not even a suspicion of a shadow of ground for a declaration of war between the two countries. The board of inquiry fails to fix any responsibility upon anybody, except to find Capt. Sigsbee and his officers not guilty. It is true they think the disaster was caused, primarily, by an outside explosion; but from any report in newspapers or otherwise I fail to see any effort made to bring to light the best evidence of which the case is susceptible. I refer to the wire used to explode the mine, if a mine was exploded under the vessel. If a wire attachment reached from the mine to the shore at the time of the explosion it is still there, unless it has been removed. A thorough dredging of the harbor within a radius of from 150 to 200 feet around the wreck would, no doubt, supply the best possible evidence of guilt, if any guilt attaches. It may be said, however, that if there had been a wire laid from the mine to the shore it has been removed before now. This might or might not be the case. If attention is directed to this phase of the investigation it may bring forward some very material evidence. It may further be urged that Spain would refuse to permit a dredging of the harbor for the purpose of finding the wire. Notwithstanding the probable refusal, the demand should be made anyway, and give Spain a chance to refuse if she will. Such course would strongly tend to cast further suspicion upon her. If any one of us should be in a certain neighborhood and hear a report of a pistol and immediately thereafter see a man drop dead with a bullet wound in his body, and close by the corpse, within shooting distance, we should see a man standing, and say to him: "Sir, I have my suspicions aroused; I am inclined to think that you fired that shot, and I desire to search you to see if you have a weapon upon your person." If he should refuse it would certainly tend to confirm our suspicion of his guilt. If he should submit willingly, his action would immediately tend to remove our suspicions; even though he might, in fact, have been guilty of the crime, having previously rid himself by some means of the evidence of his guilt.

The Government of Spain is suffering heavily by reason of her present colonial warfare. Many of her innocent and helpless subjects are also suffering. Let us help them—the helpless non-combatants. Let us tell Spain that if she will not do so, and do so immediately, and to the entire satisfaction of the demands of humanity, that we will; that the United States is rich enough, generous enough, and humane enough to feed and clothe those helpless people until the cruel war is ended. By this means we can put Spain to shame, if she has any shame, and we can win for ourselves the admiration of the whole civilized world.

J. J. RUSSELL.

OUR CONSULAR SERVICE.

To the Editor of The New York Times:

Many Americans who have visited Germany and France have read with great pleasure the Berlin letter dated March 15, signed by Mr. Edward Breck. The facts are clearly stated, and if we had more Consuls like Mr. Charles de Kay and Mr. Goldschmidt, the United States would certainly benefit, as the exports and imports would certainly be doubled in amount in a very short time.

After my return from Europe I interviewed several members of Congress about the Consular service, and was promised that this important question should be taken up with a determination to force the State Department to inquire into this very useful service.

The Consuls ought to be well paid, and not hampered and harassed at every innovation they make in their offices. The consular clerks, who are independent of the Consuls, are generally very impolite, and apparently think they are superior to any Consul General. They should be placed directly under the orders of their superior officers.

Dr. Edward Breck is one of the most courteous and amiable gentlemen in the consular service, and every American who has visited Germany will more than indorse this statement. I, with many others, hope THE NEW YORK TIMES and Dr. Breck will keep up this campaign, so important to the foreign trade of this country.

EUGENE F. AUCAIGNE,
President of the Henry-Bonnard Bronze Company.
New York, March 28, 1898.

FOR CUBA'S GOVERNMENT.

To the Editor of The New York Times:

We do not want to annex Cuba, but we want a just, humane, and liberal Government there. Spain professes her willingness to accord autonomy to Cuba. Thus the two powers are nominally in accord as to the duty of extending to Cuba a just, humane, and liberal Government. The difference is as to the methods. Spain wishes to retain her sovereignty. We may accord so much if while doing so we can adjust her sovereignty so as to harmonize it with a just, humane, and liberal Government. I suggest the following as the outline of a scheme which may be perfected: Let Spain grant to Cuba a perpetual charter, the acceptance thereof by the people of Cuba to be guaranteed by the United States, and not to be changed except by Spain, with the consent of both Cuba and the United States, declar-

PERSONAL.

—When the Duke of VERAGUA was in this country he received treatment of a cordiality and generosity altogether out of proportion to the slight claim upon us which his distant and somewhat dubious relationship to COLUMBUS gave him. The best the country had was freely placed at the man's disposal, and for weeks he lived literally on the fat of the land. Before the visit ended some of his hosts had reason to criticise his manners and to anticipate his ingratitude, but they said little or nothing about their unpleasant experiences, and since the titled guest went home Americans have tried to forget his existence and their own rather unnecessarily demonstrative recognition of it. But the Duke has refused to remain in obscurity. He has been moved, at this crisis in the affairs of two nations, to air the views of us which he acquired while taking every possible advantage of our hospitality. And instead of expressing the good will that might have been expected to result from the fervid demonstrations of that quality of which, while in the United States, he had been the object, this representative of Iberian courtesy calls President MCKINLEY "an ignorant sutler, who believes himself a Napoleon." The description is too ludicrously inaccurate to awaken any real anger, but it does excite contempt—does, that is, till one remembers that the noble Duke is by profession a raiser of bulls for use in the arena, a purveyor of material for perpetuating a so-called sport, at once so cruel and so cowardly as to put the nation which applauds it outside the pale of civilization. When that fact recurs to mind, contempt gives place to something like pity.

—It would have added emphasis to the Rev. J. D. STEELE'S vindication of the intensely respectable H. CARROLL WHITE if he had gone a little deeper into the case. Admitting that it would have been malversation of funds for Mr. WHITE to relieve his mother's necessities with money given to him for another purpose, to wit, the attainment by himself of certain material and spiritual advantages, what prevented the young man from returning the gift to the donors, from abandoning temporarily his chosen career, and from accepting any honest employment from which he could have earned enough money to support himself and his reprehensible parent?

—Pennsylvania has in ROBERT BROWNLEE an official who is likely to earn his salary. The last Legislature created a Bureau of Mines, and Mr. BROWNLEE was put at the head of it. Already he has collected a lot of valuable statistics in regard to coal production, the causes of accidents, and the effects of strikes. He even considers sociological problems, and in a way that shows ability to see beneath the surface of things. The poverty of the miners, he says, is not so much due to inadequate compensation for work done as to the fact that there is not enough work of this particular sort to give a livelihood to anywhere near all who now depend upon it. The remedy he suggests is to seek another field of employment. Easier said than done, of course, but not impossible for any ambitious man. "The miner," continues Mr. BROWNLEE, "should not think because he was born a miner that he cannot do something else. He should take advantage of his many opportunities; spend his spare moments in self-improvement and stay away from the saloon. Let him read and keep informed of the current events of the day, all of which will tend to broaden his capabilities for good and better enable him to judge for himself when and how to take advantage of the conditions that maintain and make him in intelligence an equal of his employer and much more the equal of the demogogue who now profits by his credulity." This isn't the kind of talk that is popular among the followers of professional agitators, but it is certainly more practical than the appeals which they are accustomed to hear.

CURRENT NOTES.

Semi-annual dividends and interest money aggregating the tidy sum of $10,946,852 are to be paid in Boston in April.

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John E. Fitz Gerald has been appointed Superintendent of the force of 180 men which is speedily to take the school census of Chicago.

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Irving McDougall Garfield, son of the late President, is now practicing law in Boston, and has just won his first case in the Municipal Civil Court.

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The walnut library and bedroom sets of furniture in Jefferson Davis's old home, in Beauvoir, Miss., have been shipped to Richmond, Va., for preservation in the Confederate Museum.

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The Assessors' valuation of New Haven, Conn., this year is $61,159,080, an increase of $2,278,775 over last year, being the greatest increase in any year since the settlement of the town.

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The new law library in the City Hall, Philadelphia, is to be formally opened tomorrow. President Samuel C. Perkins will deliver the presentation address, and it will be responded to by Chancellor Bispham.

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The Wanamaker committee is arranging to make a vigorous campaign throughout the entire State of Pennsylvania. They intend to put speakers into every town, and will have over a hundred engaged in the work.

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The citizens of Keokuk, Iowa, want a warship to be named Keokuk. They say it is a genuine American name, and no other city in the world bears it. It was borne by "a big chief of a tribe of Indian warriors mighty in war and peace."

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The heirs of a man who died of typhoid fever, contracted as they assert while he was imprisoned in the jail at Wayne, West Va., on a charge of highway robbery, are about entering suit against the county, it is said, for $10,000 damages.

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The ladies of New Orleans are endeavoring to raise $15,000 for a bronze statue of J. J. Audubon, the naturalist, to be erected in Audubon Park, New Orleans. They hope the city will present a pedestal for it. Audubon was born on a plantation at Mandeville, La.

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Mrs. Robert Louis Stevenson has been tarrying a while in New Orleans, en route from San Francisco to Washington, this city, and London. She expects to sail hence May 10. She says the last of the works of

A Letter of Appreciation.

To the Editor of The New York Times:

I have seldom been as much pleased with an editorial as with the one which appeared in your issue of yesterday under the heading "Trust in the President," which is one of the best pieces of writing I have seen for a long time. It is manly in spirit, and in every way equal to editorial matter that appeared in THE TIMES in its best days or in any other paper in its best days. I could not refrain from myself from sending you this note to express my appreciation of the editorial. There have been many excellent articles in THE TIMES recently, but it seems to me that this is the best one I have seen.

With the very strong hope that we may all its horrors, may be averted, I remain,

D. O. EBERLY.
New York, March 28, 1898.

Where to Find Trailing Arbutus.

To the Editor of The New York Times:

In your issue of the 26th inst. Mr. G. Hendrickson asked when, where, and how trailing arbutus may be found. The most beautiful and fragrant early Spring flower may be found anywhere in the highlands between Peekskill and Fishkill on either side of the Hudson. As its name signifies, the vines run along the ground and are scattered by the leaves. To-day at this place I found some half-blown buds which in another week, with favorable weather, would have been fully developed. In a week or ten days it will be out in abundance.

MABEL F. IRVING.
Garrisons-on-Hudson, N. Y., March 28, 1898.

The Real Secretary of State.

Washington Dispatch to The Boston Herald.

Judge William R. Day of Canton, Ohio, the First Assistant Secretary of State, is in immediate and direct charge of all diplomatic negotiations in the controversy with Spain. John Sherman of Ohio is Secretary of State, but Judge Day attends Cabinet meetings and is at the White House in close consultation with the President almost hourly, night and day. Judge Day knows just what messages have been sent to Spain and what replies have been received, but he is sharing that knowledge with few, if any, persons, except, of course, the President of the United States. Judge Day is the Sphinx of the Administration, and even Senators of influence and prominence who talk with him are unable to learn from his lips or from his manner the status of the controversy with Spain.

An Address Wanted.

Will Mr. James Barnes, who wrote for publication a letter to the editor of THE NEW YORK TIMES, kindly send his address to this office?

NUGGETS.

Realised at Last.

Most of us are a great trial to our friends.—Somerville (Mass.) Journal.

Changed Times.

It's a long time since grandma used to spin; her granddaughters do it now.—Boston Courier.

The Czar of the Household.

Freak—What, by the way, is your wife's ruling passion?

Meek—That's exactly what it is.—Richmond Dispatch.

Dissimilar.

"The difference between a glass of Schuylkill water and a tailor's bill," says the Manayunk Philosopher, "is simply that the water will settle itself if it's allowed to stand."—Philadelphia Record.

The Big Type a Necessity.

"The Spanish Minister says the American newspaper men should all have their heads cut off."

"But if you cut off the heads who will read the articles?"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

THE SCARE CROW PERIOD.

From The Chicago Record.

"The Tribune's sources of news are numerous to depend upon one or two individual agencies and the various conflicting reports printed for the information of the people."—Chicago Tribune.

If we say that war is on us and our ships have gone to bottom
Don't permit the dread intelligence to grieve you.
That is Correspondent 20—he's been drinking and has got 'em,
And in playfulness he writes these things to deceive you.
When we tell you "Consul Lee has seen Blanco in the palace,"
We may hit it, but the chances are a million to one.
Yet we print the story free from prejudice or malice.
Just to let you size it up for what it's worth.
We may tell of cannon roaring and all other firearms cracking,
We'll describe the gunboats plunging through the seas, too,
And announce defeat or triumph or retreating or attacking,
And you only need believe just what you please to.
Possibly we'll make assertion in a double-leaded column
That the President has died from being frightened—
Don't be anxious, don't be gloomy, apprehensive, sad, or solemn;
That is just our way of keeping you enlightened.
Of our correspondents each one is a frank ambidexter,
Using right or left—or both hands—as he need 'em;
We don't ask that truthful statement
Hamper his imagination in its
Special wires and special cables,
agencies, commissions,
Private spies and smug officials
news to
Us for scarehead publication in
editions,
And you pay your coin and
you choose to.

...Statement on the ... in the Far East ... Before Easter.

...TANT MOVE LOOKED FOR

...Activity at Hongkong Said to ... an Intention to Take Part ... the Partition—Japan Like... to be Satisfied.

...DON, March 28.—In the House of ... to-day Mr. A. J. Balfour, First ... of the Treasury, Government leader, ... Minister for Foreign Affairs, ... to Sir William Vernon Harcourt, ... leader in the House, promised ... statement on the situation in ... East before Easter.

The Globe (Conservative) says this after...

"The disappointment of the Government supporters at the progress of affairs in the Far East is becoming more acute. Unless it is found that the Government has secured some tangible advantage, riot will set in among its supporters. It is reported, however, from the best quarters that the apparent diplomatic defeat of Great Britain marks a move of the greatest importance, which will give Great Britain a favorable position."

A statement has been obtained in a competent quarter respecting British intentions in China, in view of the naval movements in the Far East. It is admitted that the British policy of maintaining the integrity of China and the equal commercial status of all nations has been abandoned owing to the concessions made to Russia and Germany. It is added:

"The only course left Great Britain is to follow suit, obtain equal advantages with the other powers, and secure adequate compensation in her own interests. This explains the British naval activity at Hongkong and elsewhere. Therefore, a movement upon the part of Great Britain may be anticipated in the near future. It is deemed improbable that Japan, single handed, or still less, in conjunction with China, will combat the policy of the European powers. She will probably rest content with a compromise satisfactory to her pride and securing the position due her as the fruit of her victories over China."

RUSSIAN FLAG HOISTED.

Port Arthur and Ta-Lien-Wan Pass Out of Chinese Control.

PEKIN, March 28.—The Chinese garrisons were withdrawn to-day from Port Arthur and Ta-Lien-Wan, the Russians landed, and the Russian flag was hoisted at both places.

ENGLISH CONCESSION IN CHINA.

The Daily Chronicle Tells About an Area of 10,000 Square Miles.

LONDON, March 29.—The Daily Chronicle says this morning it has reason to believe that an area of 10,000 square miles in the province of Shan-Si has been conceded by China to a syndicate of English capitalists. "If this be true," says The Daily Chronicle, "it is obvious that Lord Salisbury has approved the scheme."

LI HUNG CHANG IN RUSSIA'S PAY.

Is Alleged in Pekin, and He Is Accused of Treason.

PEKIN, March 28.—There is a feeling of intense dejection among the Chinese, who regard the concessions to Russia as the beginning of the end. There are many complaints of the attitude of Li Hung Chang. It is asserted by those knowing inner Chinese affairs that since his visit to St. Petersburg Li Hung Chang has received regular Russian pay.

A high Chinese official, whose patriotism is unquestioned, describes Li Hung Chang as a traitor.

As yet Japan has made no protest.

LONDON, March 29.—The Daily Mail's correspondent at Pekin, telegraphing by way of Tien-Tsin, says:

"It is believed that Li Hung Chang is about to return to power, and that another mission to Europe is possible. Prince Kung has refused to sign the Russo-Chinese convention, and has resigned the Presidency of the Tsung-li-Yamen."

AMERICAN FLEET'S PURPOSE.

Assembled at Hongkong, It Is Said, in Sympathy with England.

LONDON, March 29.—There is reason to believe, according to a special dispatch from Shanghai, that the American squadron at Hong Kong, instead of waiting, as was at first supposed, in proximity to Manila preparatory to a Hispano-American war, is really intended as a practical display of American sympathy with Great Britain's Chinese policy. The American and British Admirals, the despatch says, have had frequent interviews.

Prince Henry of Prussia will leave Hong Kong forthwith in consequence of the accentuation of the crisis.

The British squadron, according to a despatch from Hong Kong to The Daily Mail, has been ordered to Che-Foo, on the north coast of the Shang-Tung promonotory.

Japan's Press Divided.

YOKOHAMA, March 28.—The unofficial section of the press is actively urging the Government to resist Russia's action in China; but the official press is silent.

The Diet will meet May 20.

FIREARMS SEIZED IN IRELAND.

Farm Houses Searched for Weapons on Account of the Centenary.

DUBLIN, March 28.—In connection with the centenary of the revolution of 1798, the police have searched the farmers' houses in the counties of Limerick and Cork, taking possession of all the firearms found and announcing that they will be returned after the celebrations.

GERMAN NAVAL BILL ADOPTED.

Admiral von Tirpitz Receives Congratulations on Its Success.

BERLIN, March 28.—The Reichstag to-day definitely adopted the Navy bill without division, and amid cheers.

The Imperial Chancellor, Prince Hohenlohe, and the other Ministers congratulated Admiral von Tirpitz, the Secretary of the Navy.

FRENCH FAMILY MURDERED.

A Robber Named Cailliard Takes the Lives of Six Persons.

PARIS, March 28.—A terrible tragedy is reported from Bernay, in the Department of the Eure. A robber named Cailliard murdered a family of six persons there yesterday evening. From a window of the house inhabited by the family he shot and killed with a gun the husband, his wife, and two of their children who were playing at a table. Cailliard then entered the house and cut the throat of a little girl who was in the next room. Finally he beat out the brains of a paralytic, bedridden woman seventy-one years of age. The murderer was arrested, and confessed to committing these and a number of other crimes.

Honduras Concession in Honduras.

AMUCIGALPA, Honduras, (via Galveston,) March 28.—Congress adjourned to-day. Among the business of the session was a concession to Mr. John E. Wood of Texas, representing an American company, of a navigation franchise for the Ulua River, the principal river of the country.

Argentine's Trouble with Chile.

LONDON, March 29.—The correspondent of The Times at Buenos Ayres says there is a prospect of an early settlement of the difficulty with Chile.

Truth About Gladstone's Health Not Now Given Away.

LONDON, March 28.—The Westminster Gazette this afternoon, referring to the health of Mr. Gladstone, says:

"It is no news, we fear, to say that Mr. Gladstone's illness must necessarily be fatal in a comparatively short time. Mr. Gladstone is fully informed as to his own condition. He asked the doctors to tell him the truth, and he was thankful when informed that he had no chance of recovery. His state of mind is one of complete happiness. His life goes on quietly and evenly. Music is his chief solace. It soothes the pain. The death of a black Pomeranian pets, which for nine years had been a constant companion of Mr. Gladstone, has been an additional pang to the whole family. When Mr. Gladstone went to Cannes the pets was left with the Drews, but he pined, would not eat, and was returned to Hawarden the day Mr. Gladstone returned, and he died on Friday.

W. S. GILBERT'S LIBEL SUIT.

Sir Henry Irving Not Allowed to Testify for the Defense in London.

LONDON, March 28.—There was a large crowd present in the Queen's Bench Division of the High Court of Justice to-day, the attraction being the opening of the libel suit brought by W. S. Gilbert against The Era, owing to the publication in that paper of an article taxing Gilbert with "pomposity, envy, ingratitude," &c., apropos of an interview in which he fell foul of Sydney Grundy, actors, and critics generally. Gilbert claims £1,000 ($5,000) damages. Sir Henry Irving, Beerbohm Tree, Fortescue, and Bram Stoker were among those present in court.

During the course of his examination Gilbert admitted attacking the critics, but said he referred to the "American herd" of journalists in London, "who, without literary ability or experience, are given positions as critics, as the easiest work for incompetent journalists."

Sir Henry Irving was called as a witness for the defense, but his evidence was ruled out as being inadmissible.

The case was adjourned.

Earl of Strafford Dead.

LONDON, March 28.—The Earl of Strafford is dead.

George Henry Charles Byng, third Earl of Strafford, was born in London in 1833. He has been Lord in Waiting to the Queen. Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and Under Secretary of State for India.

Sir John Arnott Dead.

LONDON, March 28.—Sir John Arnott, Baronet, proprietor of the Irish Times, is dead. He was born in 1817, was knighted in 1859, and was created a Baronet in 1896.

Yacht Barracouta's Shaft Broken.

NASSAU, N. P., March 28.—The American steam yacht Barracouta, recently purchased by Mr. D. P. Reighard of Pittsburg, Penn., which sailed from Philadelphia for a cruise to the West Indies, has arrived here from Jamaica, with her shaft broken.

Delagoa Bay Arbitration.

LONDON, March 28.—The Parliamentary Secretary of the Foreign Office, Mr. George N. Curzon, announced in the House of Commons to-day that the final report of the Delagoa Bay arbitrators might be expected early in the Autumn.

Salisbury Leaves for Beaulieu.

LONDON, March 28.—The Marquis of Salisbury started for Beaulieu to-day.

PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S PLANS.

The League Will Give a Minstrel Show About April 18.

The Professional Woman's League is about to take a new departure. It has been on the stage in an ordinary, everyday fashion at different times. For various reasons grand opera is not now to be thought of, so the league is going into the minstrel business. It is to be a benefit performance, around April 18, and the league is to take part in a body—all in frock coats and white shirt fronts. The lower part of the costume will undoubtedly be skirts, but it is not specified particularly, being uninteresting.

There are to be 75 or 100 women in the chorus, step dancing, and other attractive features. Mme. Cottrelly is to be a "Dutch nigger," Mrs. Yeamans an "Irish nigger," and Miss Sarah McVickar a "Yankee nigger."

A scene from "A Midsummer Night's Dream" is to vary the performance.

LAST LENTEN TRIO RECITAL.

Fashionable Music Lovers at Mrs. Henry C. Valentine's Home.

The last Lenten trio recital of this, the eleventh series, took place at the home of Mrs. Henry C. Valentine, 13 East Thirty-sixth Street, yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock. These subscription affairs were organized about eleven years ago by Mrs. Valentine, Mrs. Charles B. Foote, and Mrs. Matthew C. D. Borden. For the last few years, Gustav Dannreuther, violinist; Anton Hegner, violoncellist, and Richard Hoffman, pianist, have furnished the music, as they did yesterday.

The organization of fashionable music-loving women supporting these annual recitals is known as the Pianoforte Trio Club, and includes Mrs. E. C. Benedict, Mrs. Edward Winslow, Mrs. Frederick Goodridge, Mrs. Vernon H. Brown, Mrs. Gillett, Mrs. J. J. Higginson, Mrs. Arthur Whitney, Mrs. Charles Miller, Mrs. E. D. Trowbridge, and Mrs. H. H. Wickham, among others. Yesterday the musicians played Saint-Saëns's trio, opus 92; the Elegia and finale from Arensky's trio, opus 32, and Dvorak's Slavonic Dances, 1, 6, and 8. Mr. Hoffman's solos were a piece by Scarlatti and Bach's Suite in B minor, for string orchestra and flute, which Mr. Hoffman transcribed for the pianoforte.

A tea for the artists and some of the guests followed the recital.

AS TO MODERN PHILANTHROPY.

The Rev. Anna Garlin Spencer of Providence lectured yesterday at the Women's Conference of the Society for Ethical Culture, in the Tuxedo, Fifty-ninth Street and Madison Avenue, on "Modern Philanthropy and Its Educational Features." Mrs. Ollesheimer presided.

"We are learning these days," said the speaker, "that we may be co-workers of the divine forces that make for human progress and help on the evolution of the race. Social science is the student side of that co-operation, the study of that which will elevate the mass of humanity. Charitable work has the duty of bringing up to the average those individuals who are backward in the race.

"Organized charity forbids that we feel longer complacent over giving alms in lavish indiscretion. When one asks us for help we must find out whether he really needs before we give, and further must find why he is incompetent. Is he depraved? We must not give him the means of further gratifying his bad tendencies. Is he shiftless? We must not make him a lazy, contented pauper. A large part of the work of organized charity is the trying to reform the unformed and the badly formed."

In discussing the inmates in American almshouses, where the vicious and heartless are often kept together, the speaker said there were two remedies for this danger proposed; first, the classification of the inmates, and second, the removal of the very best as well as the misdemeanants to other places, thus leaving only the ordinary run of paupers behind. "It is wonderful what has been accomplished by the classification remedy," she said. "In the almshouse near San Francisco, presided over by Mrs. Weaver, the sister of Gen. Armstrong, of Hampton Institute fame, the inmates are classified according to habits and character. The best ward is known as 'Grand Avenue,' and the worst as 'Pauper Alley,' and it is the constant ambition of those in Pauper Alley to so improve in manners, neatness, language, &c., as to deserve promotion to Grand Avenue."

B. H. Fancher's New Place.

Bertram H. Fancher, discount clerk of the Fifth Avenue Bank, has been appointed assistant cashier, to succeed Samuel Woolverton, now cashier of the Gallatin National Bank.

Frau Sorma as Cyprienne, and Mrs. Fiske as Tess.

"DIVORCONS" DONE IN GERMAN

Stoddard's Dramatization of Hardy's Novel Reproduced at the Fifth Avenue Theatre—Merriment at the Casino.

Frau Sorma appeared last night as Sardou's petted, capricious, audacious heroine, Mme. des Prunelles, thus challenging comparison with Mme. Réjane, Mrs. Fiske, Marie Aimée, and a dozen or so other actresses, French, German, English, and American. She played the part well, of course, denoting the many moods of the spoiled child-wife of that celebrated lecturer on the art of managing wives, M. des Prunelles, with her customary graphic skill, with a quickness of perception and a facility of execution few French actresses could surpass, and no lack of humor, though the slower and heavier humor of the Teuton supplanted the sparkling vivacity of the Gaul in the whole performance. As a matter of fact, Agnes Sorma's Cyprienne is not one of portrayals she will be remembered by in this country, while Sardou's "Divorçons," though it will probably survive vitfully as long as audiences can be found who care for its rather labored wit and it salacious suggestiveness, belongs not to the national stage of this actress, and plays quite as well in English as it does in German.

In the supporting cast last night, Seyffertitz was undeniably amusing in his extravagant way as the Oberkellner, while Wilhelmine Schitter and Auguste Burmester acted small rôles very well. The others were surely not interesting.

Frau Sorma's present engagement will end Friday night. Thursday she will be seen in "Die Beskhmte Widerspänstige," which is the amusing German equivalent of "The Taming of the Shrew."

MRS. FISKE AS TESS.

The Dramatization of Hardy's Novel Again at the Fifth Avenue Theatre.

Minnie Maddern Fiske began a new engagement at the Fifth Avenue Theatre last night, presenting Lorimer Stoddard's painstaking and interesting dramatization of "Tess of the d'Urbervilles." Mrs. Fiske's portrayal of Tess, though disappointing, at first, to the eye of the impressionable reader of Hardy's graphic descriptions of his heroine, is a remarkably fine piece of acting, which has moments of irresistible pathos, and is of thrilling effect in at least one episode. It is not free from grotesqueness, and it is doubtful if Mrs. Fiske's affectation of extreme "naturalness" does not, itself, frequently offend the "modesty of nature." But these are minor points, and of small importance, too, is the frequently expressed opinion of a minority of Mrs. Fiske's friends and critics, that her remarkably original powers of expression are best adapted to the comic rather than the tragic field. Her portrayal of Tess is a present achievement; one that has received a very large share of public approval, and that certainly deserves respectful attention.

Discussion of "Tess" from a "moral" point of view would be profitless, too. To be sure, the play deals as frankly as some which have been condemned in a ruthless and unprofitable way this season with the subjects of unchastity and the wages of sin. But its view of life is wholesome, and no one but a finicky person who found "The Tree of Knowledge" immoral would be likely to object to it.

The supporting cast now includes Frederic de Belleville as Alec, Forrest Robinson as Angel Clare, John Jack as the drunken old peasant, Wilfred North as the bumpkin, Mary Barker as the mother of Tess, and Mary Shaw as Marion. The house was well filled last night, and the audience was appreciative.

FUN AT THE CASINO.

"In Gay New York," with a Kind of Epilogue.

"In Gay New York," with Walter Jones, Julius Steger, Jeannette Bageard, Lee Harrison, Crissie Carlyle, and other popular performers, was reproduced at the Casino last night, and with many "encores" and a too large assortment of antique gags, its performance was made to last until midnight. About that hour there was a ceremony on the stage. The members of "The Belle of New York" company, who are going to London, (perhaps to talk back,) appeared on the scene, and there were speeches and a confused and noisy singing of new words to old tunes. Of course, every amiable person hopes that such a genuinely funny fellow as Dan Daly will be duly appreciated in London, and that his absurd comedy associates will have all the success they deserve. But their going abroad is not an event of National importance, in spite of last night's array of flags and banners and its too generous selection of patriotic airs.

Nor is "In Gay New York" quite as young as it was. Much of it is still diverting, but much has grown old and wan. But it was performed with great spirit and drollery.

"THE MIKADO" ONCE MORE.

Gilbert and Sullivan's Operetta Well Performed at the American.

A prominent pianist was once asked, "Which of Beethoven's concertos do you like best?" He answered, "The one I am playing." If a lover of operetta were asked which of Gilbert and Sullivan's operettas he liked best, he might fairly answer, "The one I am hearing." Certainly, when one is listening to "The Mikado" is does not seem possible that anything could be more delightful. How such a genuine work of art makes the flimsy stuff which passes for operetta in these days sink to its true level. Here is a work, which, like the plays of Shakespeare, appeals equally to all classes. A college professor and a bootblack can both enjoy "The Mikado." The literary polish of its libretto only brings into brighter light the purely human wit of it, while Sullivan's music combines learning with clearness of piquant rhythm and beauty of melody.

It is a delight to listen to such a work at all times and in all places, and the large audience which assembled at the American Theatre last night enjoyed a really good performance. In fact, it was the very best performance which the Castle Square Opera Company has yet offered to this public, and it could not be spoiled even by the conductor's utter inability to get at the correct tempi of the ensemble numbers. The merits of the performance were general rather than particular. Every one worked with a will and the members of the cast were generally well suited to their parts. Miss Lillian Swain repeated her old-time success as Pitti-Sing, and won her inevitable encore for "He's going to marry Yum Yum." Miss Golden was a charming Yum Yum, and as Nanki Poo Joseph O'Meara Sheehan did unusually good work. Bessie Fairbairn sang extremely well as Katisha, but marred the effect of her songs by bad enunciation of the text. Raymond Hitchcock made a genuine hit as Koko, and W. G. Stewart was an acceptable Pooh Bah. The chorus sang well, and the operetta was well put on the stage.

"Beside the Bonnie Brier Bush."

WASHINGTON, March 28.—A play, or series of dramatic sketches, founded on Ian Maclaren's Drumtochty sketches was produced at the Lafayette Square Theatre this evening, with J. H. Stoddart as Lachlan Campbell and Marie Burroughs as Kate Carnegie. It is in four acts and five tableaus. The audience was large and friendly, and included the President, Mrs. McKinley, Vice President Hobart, Secretaries Sherman, Long, Wilson, and Gage, Attorney General Griggs, Senator Mark Hanna, Controller of the Currency Dawes, Assistant Secretary Roosevelt, and Gen. Miles.

Theatres and Music Halls.

HARLEM OPERA HOUSE.—Rice's production of "The Ballet Girl" is on view this week.

SAM T. JACK'S THEATRE.—Two lively performances of vaudeville, with burlesque, song, dance, and living pictures, are given daily.

COLUMBUS THEATRE.—Flo Irwin is this week's star, and her play is McNally's

Secretary to the President in the Race for the Nomination for Governor of Connecticut.

LOUNSBURY A LEADING RIVAL

He Is on the Ground and May Control the Rural Strength in the Convention—Opponents to Senator Hawley Appear.

HARTFORD, March 28.—The unusual spectacle of a secretary to the President of the United States as a candidate for an elective office lends considerable interest to the candidacy of John Addison Porter for Governor of the State of Connecticut. For several years it has been Mr. Porter's ambition to be Governor of his native State, and he has sought the office in the past by fair and open methods that have provoked little criticism, even from his opponents. Mr. Porter is one of the leaders of the young Republicans of the Nutmeg State, a band of young men rapidly growing in numbers, who think it time for the older party leaders to retire and give the younger element a chance.

In 1896 Mr. Porter was the man around whom the young Republicans rallied, and they succeeded in giving the old men a scare and a shaking up, although they were not successful in wresting the control of the organization from them. The convention of that year was a lively and interesting one. Mr. Porter was the standard bearer of the young men, and in spite of lack of organization polled 181 votes for Governor to 315 for Mr. Cooke, the successful candidate, who represented the graybeards. It was evident to lookers-on at the convention that there was a strong undercurrent in favor of the young Republicans, and that with time and better organization their day of triumph would not be remote.

State Convention in August.

The Republican State Convention this year will meet in New Haven in the latter part of August, and already a quiet canvass is being made. Mr. Porter's friends in various parts of the State are making a preliminary survey of the field on his behalf, and are keeping him advised as to the situation, which they regard as extremely favorable. There have been rumors afloat that Mr. Porter had decided not to be a candidate, but would remain at his present post out of deference to Mr. McKinley's wishes, as well as to avoid any conflict with Senator Hawley, who desires to be elected to succeed himself next Winter. There has been some clash between Gen. Hawley and Mr. Porter in the past, but the story goes that a truce has been effected. Gen. Hawley and Mr. Porter are both owners of Republican newspapers in Hartford, and that may have engendered some feeling. Gen. Hawley always has trained with the oldfellows in the party, and Mr. Porter has led the young men.

The recent visit of Speaker Joseph L. Barbour of the Connecticut House of Representatives to Washington has set gossips agog. One story has it that Mr. Barbour went to the capital to inform Mr. Porter as to the exact situation in the State, and another report is that Mr. Porter, having decided not to make the race for Governor, sent for Mr. Barbour to urge that gentleman to stand for the nomination. The Speaker and the secretary are warm personal friends, and it was Mr. Barbour who led the Porter forces in the convention of 1896. The speaker would make a very good piece of Gubernatorial timber. He is a fine campaign speaker and a lawyer of high standing. If Mr. Porter is satisfied that he himself cannot be nominated it probable that his influence will be about as much for Mr. Barbour, but he now intends to be a candidate himself.

There is very little important federal patronage in Connecticut, and Mr. Porter is not seriously accused of manipulating it in his own interest. The Collector of Internal Revenue is the most important Federal office holder, and his influence is not great. The new appointee to this office, former Senator Lake, was a compromise candidate, and is not a political manager.

Lounsbury in the Race.

Nor have the Postmasters appointed under the present Administration been selected with a view to helping Mr. Porter's candidacy, although some of them are friendly to him. Mr. Porter's policy with regard to appointments has been one of hands off, for the most part. In this he has shown considerable shrewdness. He has kept on friendly terms with the Republican delegation in Congress, and each member has controlled the appointments that belonged to his district without Mr. Porter's interference. Mr. Porter is not relying on the influence of the McKinley Administration to secure him the nomination.

The candidate of the anti-Porter men, or the machine, as the Porter men would call it, is State Senator George E. Lounsbury of Ridgefield, in the western edge of the State. Senator Lounsbury is a brother of former Gov. Phineas Lounsbury. He is a man of large wealth, the head of the big shoe factory of Lounsbury, Matthewson & Co. of South Norwalk. Mr. Lounsbury is fifty-nine years old, a graduate of Yale in the class of 1863, and was formerly a clergyman. He is strong with the church element in the State, and among the farmers. He is now engaged in a tour of the rural districts with an eye to the delegates to the State Convention.

Here in Hartford the older politicians believe that Mr. Lounsbury is a sure winner. There is no defection from the ranks of the old-timers who supported Cooke in 1896. They are all for Lounsbury. It is conceded that there is a strong Porter sentiment in New Haven, Hartford, and the larger towns, but the rural delegates, under the present plan of representation, will control the convention when it comes to making the nominations.

Representation Unjust to Cities.

The convention will be composed of twice as many delegates as there are Representatives in the General Assembly. The basis of representation in the Legislature has been long regarded by men of both parties as manifestly unjust. The Constitution provides that each town having five thousand population shall be entitled to two Representatives, and no more.

This is grossly unfair to the cities. Thus the town of Groton, with 5,000 population, and the town of Thompson, with an equal number, each have two Representatives in the Legislature and four delegates each in State Convention, while New Haven, with 90,000 inhabitants, and Hartford, with 65,000, have the same representation as these two little towns. The rural districts, however, see their advantage and will not permit the Constitution to be changed so as to give the cities a representation proportioned to population.

For this reason Senator Lounsbury is a formidable opponent for Mr. Porter. He is on the ground and is working in the back districts, and Mr. Porter is in Washington. Geographically, too, Mr. Lounsbury holds a good position. He is not in Gen. Hawley's way, and Mr. Porter is, although the Secretary calls Windham County his legal residence. To all intents and purposes, however, he is a Hartford man, as is Gen. Hawley.

The Senatorial and Gubernatorial contests are likely to get more or less tangled up as convention time draws near. There is National Committeeman Sam Fessenden, who wants to go to the United States Senate. Fessenden lives in Stamford, which is near enough to Mr. Lounsbury's home to embarrass that gentleman if Fessenden should try for Hawley's shoes. An alliance between Porter and Fessenden might prove interesting for both Lounsbury and Hawley. It is conceded, however, that in case of war with Spain, popular sentiment would demand Hawley's return to the Senate.

Morgan G. Bulkeley's Aspirations.

Another waiting Senatorial aspirant is former Gov. Morgan G. Bulkeley, who is an anti-Hawley man, and would try conclusions with the General, if there were half a chance.

To sum up the situation in a sentence, Porter is the candidate for Governor who stirs up the enthusiasm among the young men of the party and whose nomination would insure a brilliant and interesting campaign, while Mr. Lounsbury's nomination would bring out the full voting strength of the rural districts and perpetuate the rule of the graybeards. Lounsbury will be a more popular candidate before the convention that was Cooke, the present Governor, but Porter also has grown in strength, and if he stays in the field will give him a tight race. It is anybody's fight yet.

There is a third candidate for Governor who may poll a few votes. He is James G. Dewell, the present Lieutenant Governor, who wants to run on a good-roads platform. Connecticut towns pay no taxes, the State deriving its revenue from a tax on

THEATRICAL GOSSIP.

Mollie Gayler, the dancer, who appeared in all of Rice's recent productions is dangerously ill with pneumonia at her home.

Rudolph Aronson is trying to induce Willie Collier, now appearing in "The Man from Mexico" at the Bijou, to return to this city after his Pittsburg engagement on May 9, and produce his new play, "Mr. Smooth."

Ida Conquest retired last night from "The Conquerors" company at the Empire, and her place will be filled by Sarah Perry. Miss Conquest leaves to-day for Washington, where she will join William Gillette's "Secret Service" company. On Wednesday of next week she sails for England, where she will appear in "Too Much Johnson," opening in London.

Hilda Clark will resume her part in "The Highwayman" this evening in place of Camille Darville. No reason is given for the change except that as Miss Clark is under contract for the season, and the play is to run only two weeks more in this city, it was thought best to dispense with the services of Miss Darville. Miss Clark in all probability will go on the road with the company.

Silver-tipped foxes' tails for the ladies and silver-tipped rabbits' feet for the men were given as souvenirs last night at the Knickerbocker on the occasion of the sixty-first performance of "A Virginia Courtship." A double bill is announced for the Knickerbocker next week. In addition to "A Virginia Courtship," a one-act comedy entitled "His Last Appearance" will be produced. The piece was produced recently at the Waldorf-Astoria, and was well received.

TALE OF A DREADED SONG.

It Delayed the Show at the Harlem Opera House.

The audience at the Harlem Opera House, where "The Ballet Girl" is being played, suffered a delay and enjoyed a diversion last night. Both were results of a dispute between George Blumenthal, manager of the house, and Samuel Harrison, who directs the company, as to the exact entertainment that should be furnished for the evening.

Some time ago, when "The Whirl of the Town" was being played, a prominent member of the Harlem Republican Club is said to have presented a jeweled garter to one of the women of the company. Mr. Harrison's merrymakers got up a topical song on the event, and Mr. Blumenthal insisted that it should not be sung. The difference of opinion brought about a personal encounter between the two men last Tuesday.

Yesterday evening Mr. Harrison called on Mr. Blumenthal and renewed the merry war of words. The latter refused to let the song be presented to the sensitive ears of Harlem residents and would not let the curtain go up till Harrison promised not to have it sung. The latter did not capitulate until the audience had howled and stamped away half or three-quarters of an hour, when the curtain finally rose.

The evening's revels went on peacefully enough, and the young lady who was to have given the ditty omitted it. But when a pair of duet singers got in their fine work and were encored, they appeared with scraps of stray paper and proceeded with the dreaded song. Mr. Blumenthal and Mr. Lichtenstein, the owner of the house, rushed behind the scenes and had them stopped after the first verse.

The Harlem Republican Club member was freely scored in the song, and it is said that he left the house after realizing what was happening. Mr. Blumenthal swears the song shall not be given to-night.

MISS MILLWARD COMING OVER.

LONDON, March 28.—Charles Frohman has engaged Jessie Millward, who was for a long time with William Terriss as his leading lady to succeed Viola Allen in the Empire stock company.

Miss Millward will make her first appearance in "The Conquerors" in Chicago, in September, and will appear in New York in Anthony Hope's "Phroso." Next Spring Miss Millward and William Faversham and the Empire company will play in London.

Benefit for Mrs. West.

A benefit for the widow and daughter of Percy West, late business manager of the Carnegie Lyceum, will be given on Saturday evening in the form of an entertainment, under the direction of Franklin Sarg. A number of artists from the Lyceum, "Never Again," and "Southern Romance" companies have volunteered their services. Percita West will appear in a monologue entitled "Methusaleh," and also in "Seven Ages." Mrs. West will take part in a scene from "Rough Diamond," in which she will play the part of Margery.

Actor Willard's Condition.

CHICAGO, March 28.—It is now stated as to Mr. E. S. Willard, the actor, that the attack of typhoid fever from which he is suffering must run its course. It will probably be two or three weeks before he can sail for Italy.

SOCIETY NOTES.

Miss Beatrice Herford gave a series of monologues at the Waldorf-Astoria yesterday evening.

Miss M. Eleanor Ford held her usual Monday morning Lenten conference at Sherry's yesterday. About fifty persons attended.

The last meeting of the subscription whist party organized by Mrs. John M. Duncan took place at 2 P. M. yesterday in the banquet hall of the Waldorf-Astoria, prizes being awarded as usual.

Miss Florence Sigsbee Cured.

Miss Florence Sigsbee, twenty-four years old, of 145 East Seventeenth Street, who went to Bellevue Hospital on Saturday suffering from a derangement due to the paregoric habit, was discharged as cured yesterday afternoon. Miss Sigsbee says she is a niece of Capt. Sigsbee of the Maine.

A Depository for Margin's Money.

The Produce Exchange Trust Company has been designated by the officers of the Produce Exchange as one of its depositaries for margins money, of which there was $1,042,975 in depositaries on March 26.

MAYOR FAGAN IN A FIGHT.

Hoboken Factions Resort to Fists at the Primary Contests—James White Looked Up.

Primaries for the selection of candidates for Aldermen were held in Hoboken last night. There was a lively fight in every district between the Fagan and anti-Fagan factions. In the First District of the Second Ward there was a free fight, in which Mayor Fagan took part and received several blows.

In this district the election officers were M. Hopkins, Clerk; James White, Judge, and W. Dempsey, Inspector. One hundred and thirty-five votes were said to have been cast. While the count was going on Mayor Fagan, who was watching it, claimed that when White pulled a ballot out of the box there were two ballots folded together. The Mayor demanded that only one vote be counted. Then the Mayor and Mr. White called each other liars.

Mayor Fagan tried to grab the ballot box, which was a cigar box. Mr. White promptly landed a heavy right-hander on the Mayor's jaw, and the Mayor brought his fist with stunning force upon Mr. White's left ear. Then the other election officers and the watchers jumped into the fray, and for five minutes it was a case of hit a head when you see it.

Policeman McGuinness brought peace with his club, and on orders from the Mayor arrested White, whom the Mayor charged with assault. White was locked up.

Louis Rathjen, secretary of the Mayor, made a further charge against White, charging him with violating the primary law. It is asserted by Mayor Fagan that when the ballot box was opened the lower ballots were ranged in regular order, side by side. The ballots were scattered during the fight and the box smashed.

City Treasurer Smith gave bonds for White. Counter-charges are likely.

Two Appeals for Aid.

The Charity Organization Society appeals for $40, to pay for the transportation to Germany of a young widow with a baby. She has assurance of a welcome there, and she has been in this country only two years. The society also appeals for $100, to aid in supporting a man helpless from paralysis. He requires such constant care that his wife, who is industrious and capable, cannot undertake much other work. Any money for these cases sent to the Charity Organization Society, 105 East Twenty-second Street, will be promptly and publicly acknowledged.

Growth of the City Bank.

The business of the National City Bank since it absorbed the Third National Bank has so increased that it has been compelled to move its foreign exchange department into the basement of the bank building, and it will soon require another floor to accommodate its staff of clerks and give much-needed room to its officers and tellers.

DEATH LIST OF A DAY.

John E. Moore.

John E. Moore, Superintendent of Landing at the Barge Office, died on Sunday at his home, 427 Pacific Street, Brooklyn.

Mr. Moore was born in Troy, this State, in 1829. He had been an invalid for a number of years, but remained up to the time of his death at the head of the firm of J. E. Moore & Co., which firm, since 1872, has had the contract for the transferring on steamboats and barges all immigrants arriving in this city, Brooklyn, and Hoboken to Ellis Island, and since the Ellis Island station was destroyed by fire, to the Barge Office, and the retransferring of these immigrants to the depots of the various railroads. His son, W. E. Moore, succeeds him in the management of the business. He was a member of Putnam Lodge, F. and A. M. His funeral will take place at 8 o'clock to-night.

Augustus Laver.

Augustus Laver, the architect, died at his home in Alameda, Cal., yesterday. Among the noble structures he designed were the Canadian Parliament Buildings, the new City Hall and the Flood Mission in San Francisco, and the Coleman and Flood residences at Menlo Park.

Obituary Notes.

BENNETT B. BOTSFORD died yesterday morning at his residence, 2,100 Calumet Avenue, Chicago. Mr. Botsford was born in Chicago Aug. 3, 1840. During the early sixties he was taken into partnership by his father, in the management of the J. W. Botsford & Son's hardware firm, at 107 Lake Street. After the fire he became connected with the D. B. Fisk Millinery Company.

JAMES R. ROBINSON, ex-County Treasurer of Richmond County, died at his home, in Clifton, S. I., yesterday. He was a widower, and about seventy years of age. Old age had much to do with his death. He was the former owner of the parcel which was buried on Saturday in a casket. Robinson gave the parrot to William Parkinson, who lived with him, and when the bird died Parkinson had the body laid out just as a human being is prepared for burial.

ANDREW MARSHALL of 316 Humboldt Street, Brooklyn, died in Ireland on Friday while on a visit to his married daughter. Intelligence to this effect reached his relatives yesterday. Mr. Marshall was born in Ireland, and came to America when very young. After working at various occupations he and his brother and Mr. Waterbury started the Waterbury Rope Works. Mr. Marshall became the Superintendent. He made a fortune and then retired. He was a volunteer fireman, and also belonged to the Williamsburg Yacht Club.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

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BROWN.—On Sunday morning, March 27, at the Presbyterian Hospital, Frederic Alden Brown, son of the late Augustus J. Brown, in his 47th year.
Funeral services will be held at All Souls' Church, Madison Av. and 66th St., Tuesday, March 29, at 10 A. M. Interment at Woodlawn.

BRUCE.—On Friday, March 25, Charlotte Augusta, daughter of the late Adam Todd Bruce.
Funeral services at her late residence, 869 Madison Av., on Tuesday afternoon, March 29, at 4:30.

FRANKLIN.—On Sunday morning, March 27, Edward Vernon, in his 22d year, son of Lindley M. and Martha L. Franklin of Flushing, N. Y.
Funeral services at St. George's Church on Tuesday afternoon, on arrival of train leaving Long Island City at 3:30 P. M. Interment private.

HAVILAND.—At Plainfield, N. J., seventh day, Saturday, third month, 26th, Justus C. Haviland, in the 80th year of his age.
Funeral at his late residence, 53 Sandford Av., third day, (Tuesday,) at 2:30 P. M.

HINCKLEY.—On March 28, in New York, Anne Cutler Hinckley, widow of Samuel Lyman Hinckley of Boston, aged 84.
Funeral at Trinity Church, Boston, Wednesday noon.

MARCOTTE.—On Sunday, 27th inst., Susan M. Marcotte in the 67st year of her age.
Funeral services at the residence of her brother-in-law, George W. Weeks, 130 Hooper St., Brooklyn, on Tuesday evening, March 29th, at 8 o'clock. Interment private.

PRIOR.—At White Plains, N. Y., March 27, inst., Maria, wife of John Prior.
Funeral services at St. John's Church, White Plains, on Wednesday, the 30th, at 9:30 A. M. Train arriving at Grand Central Depot, 11:51. Interment Calvary Cemetery.

ROBINSON.—On Sunday, March 27, at Clifton, Staten Island, James R. Robinson, aged 84 years.
Funeral services will be held from St. John's Episcopal Church, Clifton, S. I., on Wednesday, March 30, at 2 P. M. Relatives, friends, Edgewater firemen, and lodges invited. Kindly omit flowers. Staten Island papers please copy.

SALISBURY.—On Friday last, Elizabeth Mary Salisbury, daughter of the late Samuel E. Salisbury of Ripon, Wis., and niece of the late Charles Pitkin of this city.
Funeral from the Church of the Holy Communion, 6th Av. and 20th St., on Tuesday, at 2 o'clock. Interment at Woodlawn.

SIMPKINS.—At Washington, D. C., March 28, 1898, John Simpkins, son of the late John Simpkins of Brooklyn.
Funeral on Thursday morning, March 31, at Taxmountport, Mass.

WING.—On Tuesday, March 29, Lewis Frederick Wing, in the 57th year of his age.
Funeral services were held privately on March 30 at 3 P. M. at his late residence, 229 Quincy St., Brooklyn.

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Stock market booming.

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Impetus was given to the market by Washington dispatches representing that President McKinley had come to an arrangement with the Premier of Spain for an armistice providing for suspension of hostilities in Cuba for six months, Spain meanwhile granting to the United States the privilege of feeding the starving people of Cuba. This announcement was accepted upon every side as authentic, and the whole stock market moved under the influence of it.

To what extent this unexpected development was effective is shown by the following exhibit of quotations, presenting advances scored at the opening of yesterday's market, and the far greater gains recorded at the market's top notch, along with the final gains of the day for about a score of conspicuous stocks, there being also tabulated the changes that have taken place since Feb. 15 last, Maine disaster day:

	Advance at Opening.	Adv'ce at Highest.	Adv'ce at Close.	Change from Feb. 15.
Atchison pf	⅝	3⅜	2⅝	–5
B'klyn Rap. Tr.	⅞	3⅛	2⅛	–2⅛
Burlington	1⅛	6⅜	4⅜	–3⅝
Consol. Gas	⅞	10⅞	7⅞	–14⅛
Louis. & Nash.	⅝	6	4⅞	–6
Manhattan	1	7⅜	6½	–18½
Mo., K. & T. pf.	1	3⅞	3	–4⅞
Missouri Pacific	⅝	3⅝	2½	–6⅛
N. J. Central	2	6⅞	5⅝	–3⅝
N. Y. Central	⅝	6⅛	5	–6½
North. Pac. pf.	1	6⅝	3½	–4
Northwestern	1	7	4½	–4
Omaha	1⅝	6¼	3⅛	–7⅝
People's Gas	⅝	3½	2⅞	–4½
Reading 1st pf.	⅞	4½	3¼	–10½
Rock Island	⅞	5⅝	4	–5⅝
St. Paul	½@1⅝	6¼	4⅞	–2⅝
Southern pf.	⅝	2⅜	1½	–5½
Sugar	⅝	9⅛	6⅞	–20½
Tobacco	⅞	4⅞	2⅞	+5
Western Union	⅛	4	2	–6⅝

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Succinctly shown, this score of conspicuous stocks has made the following record—quotations of yesterday compared with the prices of Feb. 15, day of the Maine's destruction, and the market values which ruled a year ago, being as follows:

A Year Ago.	Feb. 15.	High. Mch. 28.	Last. Mch. 28.
20 ..Atchison pf	31⅛	27⅞	28⅜
20½..B'klyn Rapid Tr.	41¼	39⅛	39
71 ..Burlington	102½	95	98⅛
151⅞..Consol. Gas	193⅞	182	179
44½..Louis. & Nash	60	51½	50⅝
88 ..Manhattan	117¾	102¼	99
26 ..M., K. & T. pf	38¾	35	34½
14½..Missouri Pacific	33¾	28⅛	27
84 ..N. J. Central	96⅞	95	93¼
102 ..N. Y. Central	118⅜	113	111⅞
33½..Nor. Pacific pf	66⅞	64⅜	62⅞
103½..Northwest	128⅞	121⅜	119⅝
58⅜..Omaha	77⅞	72	70¼
81⅝..People's Gas	96⅜	93	92½
40½..Reading 1st pf	51⅞	42	41
60⅜..Rock Island	91⅝	87⅜	86¼
71¼..St. Paul	96⅝	94¼	92⅝
24⅜..Southern pf	32⅝	27⅞	27⅜
109½..Sugar	138⅝	121	118⅜
71¼..Tobacco	92	98⅛	97
82⅝..Western Union	92⅝	88⅛	86⅛

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Above all else shown in the rush upward of prices yesterday was the tremendous extent to which the short interest had extended. It was large not in a few places only, but apparently throughout the whole market. Stocks of stanchest intrinsic value seemed to be as heavily oversold as where manipulation has been the sole reliance to provide market firmness. This sort of unreasonable speculation seldom avoids its natural punishment, though yesterday's scramble of the shorts represented demoralization on the bear side beyond anything the Street has known for years. There have been a few occasions in Stock Exchange history when business in larger volume was transacted, but never was there a day with such enormous trading for the professional crowd. Nine-tenths of the purchases made yesterday seemed to be directly for the account of speculators short at lower prices. And this accounts for the stampede, the scramble, the panic of it all.

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Intrinsic values have been utterly ignored during the past fortnight. The fact that dangerous international complications had arisen seemed to be recognised all over Wall Street as warrant for counting on utter market demoralization. The fact that railroads were never earning so much money, and that earnings week by week are growing larger, was put aside as immaterial. The ease of money, the influx of foreign gold—all the elements in the long list of inspiriting factors—were contemptuously dismissed. It pleased professional Wall Street only to hail the coming of war. As a sequence to such irrationality yesterday's rushing advance was but natural.

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Conservative veterans in Wall Street were, however, last night advising clients that perhaps it is not yet time for buyers to trust the market's firmness too far. They regard it as politic to wait for further tests before taking too determined a position. Maintained market improvement seldom comes at bounds. They will be safest—so argue the conservatives—who are not too much in a hurry.

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Government bonds rallied sharply. There were sales of $2,000 4s, 1907, registered, at 108¾; $10,000 4s, 1925, registered, at 119½; $34,000 do, coupon, at 119@118¾@121, and $6,000 District of Columbia 3-65s at 115.

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In State bonds, $5,000 Virginia funded debt 2-3s of 1991 sold at 68.

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Net changes in stock quotations of one-half of 1 per cent. or more were:

Stocks Advanced.

Am. Sp. Mfg. pf	1	Minn. & St. Louis	1¼
Am. Cotton Oil	2	Minn. & St. L. 2d pf.	6¼
Am. Cotton Oil pf	½	Minnesota Iron	1
Am. Sugar Ref.	6½	Missouri Pacific	2½
Am. Sugar Ref. pf.	4	Mo., Kan. & Tex. pf.	3
Am. Tobacco	2¾	National Lead	5¼
Am. Tobacco pf.	3	Nat. Lead pf.	1¼
Ann Arbor pf.	1½	Nat. Linseed Oil	1
A., T. & S. F.	1½	N. J. Central	4¾
A., T. & S. F. pf.	2¾	N. Y. Central	5
Balt. & Ohio	1	Norf. & West. pf.	3½
Brook. Rap. Tr.	2½	Northern Pac.	1¾
Brook. Union Gas	7	North. Pac. pf.	5½
Can. Southern	3¼	Ontario & West.	1½
Canadian Pacific	2¾	Or. Imp., all in. pd.	5¼
Chesa. & Ohio	2	Or. R. & Nav.	3
Chi. Gt. Western	1	Oregon Short Line	5
Chi. & Northwest	4¾	Pacific Mail	3
C., B. & Q.	4¾	Penn. R. R.	2¼
C., C., C. & St. L.	4	Peo., Dec. & Evans.	1¼
C., M. & St. P.	4¾	P., C., C. & St. L. pf.	5½
C., M. & St. P. pf.	2	Pullman Car	7½
C., R. I. & Pac.	6	Reading	1¾
Chi. Term. Trans. pf.	5	Reading 1st pf.	3¼
Cleve., Lor. & W.	3	Reading 2d pf.	1¾
Col. Fuel & I.	2	St. Jo. & G. I.	3
Col. & H. Coal, all in pd.	3	St. Jo. & G. I. pf.	1
Consol. Coal	1	St. L. & S. F. 1st pf.	2
Consol. Ice	1¾	St. L. & S. F. 2d pf.	1¾
Consol. Gas	7¼	St. L. Southw. pf.	1¾
Del. & Hudson	4	St. Paul & Omaha	3½
D. & R. G. pf.	2¼	Southern Ry.	⅞
Erie	1⅜	Southern Ry. pf.	1¾
Erie 1st pf.	3⅜	Tenn. C. & I.	2
Gen. Electric	1½	Texas Pacific	⅝
Illinois Cent.	2¼	Third Avenue	2½
Iowa Cent. pf.	1¾	Union Pacific	4⅞
Kan. City, Ft. S. & G.	½	Union Pacific pf.	4⅞
Laclede Gas	3⅜	U. P., D. & G.	½
L. & N. W.	1½	U. P., D. & G. l. n.	⅝
Lake Shore	3	U. S. Leather	3¼
Louis. & Nash.	4½	U. S. Leather pf.	1¾
Manhattan Cons.	2½	U. S. Rubber	1¾
Met. Street Ry.	1	U. S. Rubber pf.	4
Michigan Cent.	3	Wabash	⅝
Minn. & St. Louis	1¼	Wabash pf.	1½
Mins. & St. L. 2d pf.	6¼	West. Md.	⅝
Minnesota Iron	1	West. Un. Tel.	3

Stocks Declined.

Ed. El. Ill. of N. Y.	½
Hawaiian Sugar	1½

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Net changes in bond quotations of 1 per cent. or more were:

Bonds Advanced.

Ann Arbor 1st	1	Col. Mid. con. 4s	2
A., T. & S. F. gen. 4s	2	Erie prior	2
A., T. & S. F. adj. 4s	2	Ft. W. & D. C. 1st 6s	2
Cent. of Ga. 1st inc. 5	2	Stamp. & Tex. 1st	1
Ches. & Ohio 4½s	2½	Union Pacific 1st	1½
C., R. & Q. 4s	2	Kan. Pac. con. t. 6s	1
Chi. Term. 4s	1	Louis. & N. unif. 4s	1
Col. Mid. 1st	2	Mo., K. & T. 2d	2

Bonds Declined.

Cent. of Ga. con.	1	L. S. & West. 2d	¾
Ches. & O., R. & A. 1st	⅝	Morris & Essex con. 7	¾
Ore. Imp. con. 5s	1⅝	N. Y., Sus. & W. gen.	¾
Chi. Gas, L. & C. 1st	1	Nor. Pac. 1st, t. r.	¾
C., St. P. & M. 1st	½	Omaha & St. L. 1st	1
Ore. Imp. 1st 6s	½	Wabash 2d	½
Ore. Nav. con. 4s	½	Wabash St.	½
Ore. Short Line 1st	½	Wis. Cent. 1st, t. r.	½
Pitts. & West. 1st	1	Wis. Cent. 1st, t. r.	½

MONEY AND EXCHANGE.

Money on call loans at 1@1½ per cent., closing at 1 per cent.

Time money, 5@6 per cent. for all periods. Commercial paper rates, 5¼ per cent. for sixty to ninety days' indorsements, 5@6 per cent. for choice four to six months' single names, and 6@7 per cent. for good names.

Clearing House exchanges, $70,834,433; balances, $4,806,259; Sub-Treasury debit balance, $91,821.

Money on call in London, 2½@2¾ per cent. Discount in open market, 3@3⅛ per cent. for short and 3 for three months' bills.

Foreign exchange market was weak. Posted rates were unchanged, at $4.81½ for sixty days and $4.84½ for demand. Actual business was done at $4.80¾@4.80¾ for sixty-day bills, $4.83¾@4.83¾ for demand, $4.83⅝@4.83⅝ for cable transfers, and $4.79½@$4.80⅝ for commercial.

In Continental, Paris francs were quoted at 5.24⅜ for long and 5.22½ for short, reichsmarks at 93 15-16@94 and 94⅜, and guilders at 39 13-16 and 40.

New York exchange quoted as follows: Chicago—15c discount. Boston—S@5c discount. San Francisco—Sight, 15c premium; telegraphic, 17½c premium. New Orleans—Commercial, $1 discount; bank, par. Savannah—Buying, par; selling, 1-16c premium. Charleston—Buying, 1-16c discount; selling, 1-16c premium. Cincinnati—Between banks, 40c discount; over counter, par. St. Louis—25c discount.

GOVERNMENT BONDS HIGHER.

As was natural in view of the peaceful news yesterday, Government bonds advanced sharply. The new 4s, coupon, sold at 121, an advance of 2½ points. The active Governments at the close were from 1 to 1½ per cent. higher on the bid price than at noon on Saturday. Responding to the same influences that advanced United States Government bonds, Spanish 4s on the foreign Bourses were decidedly strong. At Paris they sold at 50⅛, against 48⅝ on Saturday.

MORE GOLD FOR IMPORT.

Gold to the amount of $905,000 was engaged for importation yesterday. Sterling exchange was decidedly weak, actual rates for sixty-day bills falling ½c. Of the gold taken yesterday, $600,000 was for Kuhn, Loeb & Co., $225,000 for Heidelbach, Ickelheimer & Co., and $80,000 for the National City Bank. Including this, the gold imported from Europe or engaged there since Feb. 25 amounts to $29,580,000.

CALL MONEY RATES DECLINE.

Call money rates declined yesterday, no loans being made higher than 1½ per cent. Toward the close of business call money was offered in large quantities at 1 per cent. Offerings in the time department were larger than for some time. In time money, however, there was no change, neither the demand nor the supply increasing to any extent. Bankers explain the ease in call money by pointing out that in panicky times like the present there are always offered in the call market funds which have been withdrawn from the time department, because of disposition among lenders to place their money where it can be easily taken in.

BOND MARKET ADVANCES.

Those bonds in which there is more or less speculation, and which usually follow the course of the stock market, were all decidedly strong and active yesterday, many of them making advances equal to those made by stocks. Union Pacific 4s, on large transactions, sold up above 92, and gained 2¼ points net for the day. Atchison adjustments were also heavily traded in, and sold up to 60, gaining nearly 3 points net. Atchison general 4s, after selling early at 87¾, touched 91, and made a net gain of 2⅝ points. Texas Pacific firsts gained 1⅝ points and the seconds 1½ points. Union Pacific, Denver and Gulf firsts advanced 3 points. Northern Pacific 3s gained 3 points and the 4s gained 1½ points. Kansas and Texas 2s gained 4⅝ points. Wisconsin Central firsts gained 4⅝ points. Throughout the bond list advances were general.

GAINS ON LIGHT TRANSACTIONS.

Illustrative of the "climbing" process that was so much in vogue yesterday were the substantial advances made by stocks in which the transactions were comparatively light. Sugar preferred, on sales of about 900 shares, gained 4 points. Brooklyn Union Gas, with 650 shares to its credit, advanced 7 points. Less than 2,000 shares of Consolidated Gas put that stock up 7½ points. Oregon Short Line, on transactions of 400 shares, gained 5 points. One hundred shares of Oregon Navigation put that stock up 3 points, and 800 shares of Oregon Improvement advanced that quotation 3¼ points. Pullman, with only 200 shares to its credit, gained 7½ points. Lake Shore, with 1,100, gained 5 points, and Delaware and Hudson, with 650, gained 4 points. Three hundred shares of Minneapolis and St. Louis second preferred advanced that stock more than 5 points.

NORTHERN PACIFIC EARNINGS.

Northern Pacific's estimated gross earnings for the third week of March were made public yesterday. The total for the week is estimated at over $390,000, an increase of $105,000, or nearly 37 per cent., over the corresponding period of last year. Including this estimate, the road's earnings for the three weeks of March are nearly $2,000,000, an increase of over 47 per cent. For the fiscal year to date they are over $17,500,000, an increase of 27½ per cent.

RECORD-BREAKING DAYS.

Yesterday will go down into history as one of Wall Street's "big days." Transactions in stocks amounted to 858,006, which, with one exception, is the largest total since the panic of February, 1893, when the Philadelphia and Reading went into the hands of a receiver. Last September Wall Street had one day in which transactions on the Stock Exchange were greater than yesterday. On the 21st of that month the sales ran up to 886,500. The market was then decidedly weak, the Summer boom having culminated and talk of yellow fever in the South creating considerable apprehension in financial circles.

On Nov. 4, 1896, the day after the election of President McKinley, sales on the Stock Exchange aggregated nearly 550,000 shares. On Dec. 20, 1895, when the Street was thrown into a panic by President Cleveland's Venezuela message, sales amounted to 753,280.

Wall Street's two biggest days were Feb. 20, 1893, and Feb. 11, 1892. On both of those days sales ran considerably over 1,000,000 shares. The activity of Feb. 11, 1892, was brought about by the announcement of the great anthracite coal deal. The excitement in February of the following year was produced by the failure of that combination and the resultant Reading receivership. On Friday, Feb. 17, 1893, sales were over 886,000 shares. On the following day, Saturday, 697,098 shares changed hands during the two hours of business. Of these, [illegible] were traded in. These, of course, are half shares, which makes the total a fair one for purposes of comparison.

The Stock Exchange had its first notably large session Dec. 15, 1896, in the money panic, when for the first time in the history of the Exchange the sales exceeded 1,000,000 shares. The actual total for the day was 1,066,163 shares.

OUTLOOK FOR MONEY ABROAD.

Says The London Standard in an article on the prospects for the London money market:

"Over all other present causes of weakness with us stands the outlook in the money market. This is so entirely contrary what recent years have taught operators to expect, that speculation is palsied at many points by the mere prospect of a 4 per cent. bank rate. After more than two years, when the bank rate was never moved from 2 per cent., there came brief periods when it had to be raised, and it was 4 per cent. at the beginning of last year. But it did not stand there for more than a week or two, and immediately sank back again, by swift steps, to the long familiar 2 per cent. The market expected the same course to be followed this year, and is quite disconcerted to find that not only has no decline come, but that an advance to 4 per cent. in this week quite possible.

"The amount of weak speculation caught by this unlooked-for hardness in money is incalculable; but the existence of it has been plentifully demonstrated by the sensitiveness of market prices to every fresh invention. A feeling of nervousness—a sure sign that everybody has been trusting to cheap money—has been developed which is quite beyond anything that the facts warrant. Nobody but the weak speculator for the rise has as yet suffered materially from all that has happened, and nobody need suffer much. When everything is said, we have seen a four per cent. rate before and consols well above par. There is every probability that we shall see the two together again; and if people will only keep calm, and not fly to the market to sell their stocks and shares because they observe prices going down, they may hope to come scathless through the next few weeks or months.

"It is rarely the man who holds on to sound securities in troubled times who loses money; it is the man who sells in haste. Those who have the moral courage to go against the stream of sentiment and buy when all the world cries 'sell' rarely fail to gain. We see nothing at present to take alarm at in the state of our market. Wars or none, money must be dearer this coming Summer than last, because food all over Europe is dearer. Prices of securities will, therefore, range lower than we have been accustomed to of late; but this does not mean a breakdown in public credit, nor yet terrible losses, if people will only keep cool."

WALL STREET TALK.

Following are topics which yesterday received Wall Street attention:

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Meeting of Consolidated Traction Company of New Jersey to consider proposition to lease lines controlled by the Northern Railroad of New Jersey.

Increase of $16,071 in "Big Four's" surplus earnings for February.

Increase of 2,500 tons in east-bound shipments from Chicago for the week, as compared with previous week, and increase of 90,000 tons, as compared with corresponding date last year.

Arrival of heavy amounts of foreign gold. Announcements of further heavy engagements for import expected.

Some uneasiness in London as to outcome of fortnightly settlement.

Increase of $7,642 in Minneapolis and St. Louis' total income for February.

Belief in London that Northwestern rate war is about over. Canadian Pacific said to have refused to sell any more tickets at reduced rates. Report not confirmed here.

Decline in Spanish 4s in London from 49¾ on Saturday to 48¾ yesterday, with a later advance to 50¾.

Sharp advance in Standard Oil shares in the outside market.

RAILWAY STATEMENTS.

The following railways reporting yesterday gross earnings for the third week in March showed increases:

Chicago & West Michigan	$8,181
Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chi. & St. L.	15,379
Detroit, Grand Rapids & Western	1,512
Evansville & Indianapolis	372
Evansville & Terre Haute	6,474
Flint & Père Marquette	1,967
Fort Worth & Rio Grande	4,390
Mexican National	705
Northern Pacific	105,118
Pittsburg & Western	10,349
St. Louis & San Francisco	20,282
Western New York & Pennsylvania	2,800

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Kanawha and Michigan showed a decrease of $224.

OUTSIDE SECURITIES.

At the opening of the outside security market yesterday there were but few stocks offered, and brokers appeared to be waiting for orders at the market. In the traction group no new feature presented itself. Ferries were better and natural gas stocks unchanged, but the illuminating gas list, both for local and out of town, experienced a sharp rally as the day advanced. Very handsome gains for the day were made by Amsterdam common and preferred. Buffalo bonds and stocks showed a decided improvement.

Among the industrials there was good demand for Glucose and Malt, both common and preferred, but the sensation of the day was the advance made by Standard Oil. This stock opened at about 340, nearly 7 points above the closing figure of Saturday. After a few sales it receded to Saturday's figure, going upward again without a reaction until 373 was recorded, a net advance of 40 points. It closed about 5 points from the top price of the day, gaining over 30 points net. Wagner Palace Car was strong, with light offerings.

Traction Quotations.

	Bid.	Asked.
Broadway & Seventh Avenue, ex div.	205	212
Broadway & Seventh Avenue 1st	106	110
Broadway & Seventh Avenue 2d	111	112
Broadway Surface 1st 5s	115	117
Broadway Surface 2d	106	107
Brooklyn City Railroad	197	198
Brooklyn, Bath & W. E. 5s	83	85
Brook. Elev. tr. c'ts, 2d asst. pd.	11	11¼
Brook., Queens Co. & Suburban 5s	106	109
Buffalo Crosstown 5s	107	109
Buffalo Street Railway stock	73	80
Buffalo Street Railway cons.	109	111
Central Park, N. & E. River	173	177
Central Park, N. & E. River 7s	110	113
Columbus (Ohio) stock	45	48
Columbus (Ohio) con. 6s	97	99
Eighth Avenue Railroad	310	325
42d St., Man. & St. Nicholas Av.	57	62
42d St., Man. & St. Nich. Av. 1st	116	117
42d St., Man. & St. Nicholas Av. 2d	90	91½
Kings County Elevated	1½	2½
Nassau 1st 6s, (Brooklyn Trolley)	100	103
New Orleans Traction common	2	3
New Orleans Traction pf.	13	15
Ninth Avenue Railroad	192	194
Second Avenue Railroad 1st 5s	107½	108½
Sixth Avenue Railroad stock	195	210
Third Avenue Railroad	164	167
Union Railway 1st 5s, (Huckleberry)	111½	114
Union Railway stock	175	200
Worcester (Mass.) Traction	15	17
Worcester (Mass.) Trac. pf., ex div.	92	94

Ferry Securities.

Hoboken Ferry stock	81	83
Hoboken Ferry 5s	106	107
Metropolitan Ferry 5s	108	110
N. Y. & E. R. Ferry 5s	94	96
N. Y. & E. R. Ferry stock	72	74
Union Ferry	87	90
Union Ferry bonds	102	104

Natural Gas.

Fort Wayne Gas stock	78	81
Fort Wayne 1st 6s	89	91
Indianapolis Gas stock	115	125
Indianapolis Gas Bonds	105	107
Lafayette Gas Company 1st 6s	90	91
Lafayette Gas Company stock	73	83
Logansport & Wab. Val. gas stock	57	60
Logansport & Wab. Val. 6s	74	75
Ohio & Indiana stock	56	59
Ohio & Indiana bonds, ex. int.	69	70

Illuminating Gas.

Amsterdam common	23	28
Amsterdam pf.	25	27
Buffalo (N. Y.) stock	26	28
Buffalo (N. Y.) 1st, with interest	91	95
Central Union 5s, guaranteed	99	102
Columbus Gas	85	90
Consolidated Gas bonds of N. Y.	76	80
Consolidated Gas of N. J.	16	21
Consumers' Gas (Jersey City) bonds	103½	104
Grand Rapids Gas stock, ex div.	72	79

TREASURY BALANCES.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—To-day's statement of the condition of the Treasury shows:

Available cash balance	$224,813,833
Gold reserve	172,851,688
Net silver	10,612,393
United States notes in the Treasury	89,330,905
United States Treasury notes of 1890	5,883,690
Total receipts this day	1,246,652
Total receipts this month	28,584,813
Total receipts this year	308,142,576
Total expenditures this day	783,000
Total expenditures this month	29,915,000
Total expenditures this year	301,402,925
Deposits in National banks	31,612,701
National bank notes received to-day for redemption	227,461
Government receipts from internal revenue	805,506
Customs	420,876
Miscellaneous	20,270

FINANCIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The following payments will be made on April 1 at the office of Central Trust Company, 54 Wall Street, New York:

Coupons due April 1, 1898, on the Pacific extension bonds of the Minneapolis and St. Louis Railroad, on presentation.

Six months' interest at 5 per cent. per annum on presentation of certificates representing first mortgage bonds of both divisions of the Peoria, Decatur and Evansville Railway Company.

AUCTION SALES OF STOCKS AND BONDS.

LOUIS MESIER, Auctioneer
Regular Auction Sale of
STOCKS and BONDS
By ADRIAN H. MULLER & SON,
WEDNESDAY, March 30,
At 12:30 o'clock, at the New York Real Estate Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway.
(By order of Executors.)
$20,000 Bleecker St. and Fulton Ferry R. R. 1st g. p. c. Bds., 1900.
50 shs. Mutuers Fire Insurance Co.
185 shs. Bowery Bank.
337 shs. Westchester Fire Ins. Co.
1,000 shs. Union Phosphate Mining and Land Co.
300 shs. Canadian Phosphate Co., "Ltd."
5 shs. Goetchius Paper Cross Tie Co.
(For account of whom it may concern.)
164 shs. Whitman & Barnes Manfg. Co.
20 shs. Mutual Bank of N. Y.
$50,000 Sanford and Lake Eustis R. R. Co. 1st Mtge. Bds., Sept., 1894, coups.
$85,000 The Akron Street R'way and Illuminating Co. 1st Consld. Mtge. 5 p. c. Gold Bds., 1928 (hypd.)
$500 Bangor and Portland R. R. 1st Mtge. 6 p. c. Bd., 1930.
50 shs. Standard Air Brake Co. pref.
105 shs. Col. Coal and Iron Dev. Co. pref.
$10,000 St. Louis & Iron Mountain R. R. 2d extend. 5 p. c. Bds., 1947.

RICHARD V. HARNETT & CO.
AUCTION SALE
STOCKS AND BONDS
TUESDAY, March 29, at 12:30 P. M.
At the New York Real Estate Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway.
(For account of whom it may concern.)
80 shares Cheshire Lime Co., $100 each, (hypothecated.)
10 shares Lawyers' Title Insurance Co., $100 each.
6 shares First National Bank of Pullman, Washington, $100 each.
28 shares R. Kreischer & Sons, $100 each.
$10,000 New York & Perry Coal & Iron Co. 1st mortgage 6 per cent. Gold Bonds, Central Trust Co., reorganization receipts.
$2,000 Lotos Club 6 per cent. income bonds, (4 bonds of $500 each.)
An order of Evelyn B. Brouwer for $1,000 on W. H. Busey, dated June 28, 1897.
10 shares Automatic Telephone Construction Co., $100 each.
Lists at Auctioneers', 71 and 73 Liberty St.

RAILROAD EARNINGS.

	1898.	1897.	1896.
CHICAGO & WEST MICHIGAN—			
Mileage	561	561	576
3d week March	$27,466	$29,817	$28,486
From Jan. 1	$81,679	$77,048	$13,076
C., C. & ST. LOUIS—			
Mileage	1,339	1,339	1,339
3d week March	$266,949	$251,470	$220,080
From July 1	10,396,756	9,456,011	10,115,743
DETROIT, GRAND RAPIDS & WESTERN—			
Mileage	334	334	334
3d week March	$24,373	$22,580	$19,815
From Jan. 1	200,585	227,850	212,184
EVANSVILLE & INDIANAPOLIS—			
Mileage	156	156	156
3d week March	$4,953	$4,581	$5,441
From July 1	244,556	200,885	241,191
EVANSVILLE & TERRE HAUTE—			
Mileage	167	167	167
3d week March	$24,561	$17,577	$21,344
From July 1	998,943	741,004	950,516
FLINT & PERE MARQUETTE—			
Mileage	648	648	637
3d week March	$62,496	$61,131	$56,108
From Jan. 1	687,473	584,548	612,755
FORT WORTH & RIO GRANDE—			
Mileage	146	146	146
3d week March	$7,573	$3,189	———
KANAWHA & MICHIGAN—			
Mileage	172	172	172
3d week March	$3,330

...s in Stocks—Monday, March 26, 1900.

	Sales.	Open.	High.	Low.	Last.	Net Change.
Adams Express	101	101	103	101	.....	
American Cotton Oil	17	17¾	17¾	17	17¼	+¼
Am. Cotton Oil pf	87½	89	89	87½	88	+½
American Express	128	125	128	125	128	
American Spirits Mfg.	7¾	7¾	8	7¾	7¾	
Am. Spirits Mfg. pf	17	17	17	17	17	
Am. Sugar Ref. Co	112¾	121	121¾	112¾	113¾	-6½
Am. Sugar Ref. Co. pf	105	110	110	105	108	+4
Am. Tel. & Cable Co	93½	93½	93½	93½	93½	
American Tobacco	116½	116½	116½	116½	116½	+½
Am. Tobacco pf	115½	115½	115½	115½	115½	+3
Am. Arbor pf	85½	86	86½	85½	86	+1½
At., T. & S. F	11	11¾	11	11	11¾	+½
At., T. & S. F. pf	21¾	27½	24¾	24¾	25¾	+1
Baltimore & Ohio	16	16½	16	16	16½	+1
Bay State Gas	2¾	3	3	2¾	2¾	+¼
Brooklyn Rapid Tran	29¾	29¾	30	29	29	-¾
Brooklyn Union Gas	110	116	116	110	114½	+2¼
Canada Southern	47¾	48¾	47¾	47¾	48½	+3¼
Canadian Pacific	80¾	81¾	81¾	80¾	81¾	+2¾
Chesapeake & Ohio	18	20	20	17¾	19¾	+2
Chi., Bur. & Quincy	99½	99	99	98¾	99¾	+¾
Chicago Great West	10	11¾	11	10	11	+1
Chi., Mil. & St. Paul	93¾	94¾	95	93¾	92¾	-4¾
Chi., Mil. & St. P. pf	145	146	146	145	146	+2
Chicago & Northw	115¾	121¾	121¾	115¾	119¾	+4¾
Chi., Rock Isl. & Pac	83	87¾	87¾	83	86¾	+3
Chi. Term. Trans	8¼	8¼	8¼	8¼	8¼	+¼
Chi. Term. Trans. pf	28¾	28¾	28¾	28¾	28¾	+¾
C., C., C. & St. L	96	98	98	95	97½	+2¼
Cleve., Lor. & Wheel	12	13¾	13¾	11¾	12¾	+¾
Colorado Fuel & Iron	30	30	30	30	30	-2
Col. & H. C. & I. pf	5¾	5¾	5¾	5¾	5¾	-⅛
Col., Hock. Val. & Tol	5¾	6¼	6¼	5¾	6	+1
Consolidated Gas	171	183	173	171	179	+7½
Consolidated Ice	29	29	29	29	29	-1¾
Delaware & Hudson	107	110	107	107	110	+2
Denver & R. G. pf	43	46¼	43	43	45¼	+2¼
Ed. Elec. Ill. of N. Y.	120	124	120	120	124	+4
Erie	12¾	13¼	13¾	12¾	13¼	+1¼
Erie 1st pf	33	33¾	33	33	33½	+¾
General Electric	82¾	84	83	82¾	83½	+1½
Hawaiian Sugar	24	24½	24¾	23¾	24½	+1½
Illinois Central	98	101	97¾	97¾	100¾	+2¼
Illinois Steel Co	45¼	45¾	45¾	45¼	45¾	
Iowa Central pf	26¼	26¾	26¾	26¾	26¾	+½
K. C., Pitts. & Gulf	19	19¼	19	19	19¼	+½
Laclede Gas	40¼	43¾	42¾	39¾	42¾	+2¾
Lake Erie & West. pf	69¾	69¾	69¾	69¾	69¾	+1½
Lake Shore	180½	185	185	180¾	185	-5
Louisville & Nashville	47¼	51¼	49¾	46¾	50%	+4½
Manhattan Con	95¼	102¼	98	94	99	+4½
Maryland Coal pf	45	45	45	45	45	
Metropolitan St. Ry	134	144¾	144	134	138	+7
Michigan Central	104	106	106	104	106	+3
Minn. & St. Louis	24½	25¾	25¾	24¾	25¼	+1¼
Minn. & St. L. 2d pf	49½	52	52	49½	52	+5½
Minnesota Iron	61	61	61	61	61	+1
Mo., Kan. & Tex. pf	32½	35	35	32¼	34½	+3
Missouri Pacific	25¾	25¾	25¾	24¾	25	+¾
National Lead Co	37	41	37	37	37	+2½
National Lead Co. pf	102¾	103¾	103¾	102¾	103¾	+1¼
National Linseed Oil	15	16	15	15	16	+1
New Jersey Central	90¼	96	96	89¼	93¼	+4¾
New York Central	107¼	113	113	106¾	111¾	+4
N. Y., Sus. & W. pf	30	30	30	30	30	
Norfolk & West. pf	45	48	48	44¾	47¼	+2¾
North American	5¼	5¾	5¾	5¼	5¾	+¼
Northern Pacific	21¾	24¾	24¾	21¾	22¾	+1¾
Northern Pacific pf	60	64¾	64¾	59¾	62¾	+3¾
Ontario & Western	14¼	15¼	14	14	15%	+1¼
Ore. Imp., all in. pd	25¾	27¾	27¾	25¾	27¾	+3
Oregon R. & Nav	43	43	43	43	43	+3
Ore. R. & Nav. pf	67	67	67	67	67	
Oregon Short Line	30	32	30	30	32	+3
Pacific Mail	28	27	28	26	26	-1
Pennsylvania R. R	113	115	112¾	112¾	114½	+2¼
People's Gas, Chicago	89½	93¾	93¾	89½	92¾	+3¾
P., C., C. & St. L. pf	62	62	62	61¾	61¾	+1¾
Pull. Pal. Car Co	168¼	175	168¾	168¾	175	+7½
Reading	16¼	17¾	16	16	17½	+1¾
Reading 1st pf	37¾	42	37½	37½	41	+3¾
Reading 2d pf	19¾	21¼	19¾	19¾	21¼	+1¾
St. J. & G. I	7	7	6¾	6¾	6¾	-¼
St. J. & G. I. 1st pf	49	50	49	50	50	
St. J. & G. I. 2d pf	16	16	16	16	16	+1
St. L. & S. F. 1st pf	54¾	55	54¾	54¾	55	+2
St. L. & S. F. 2d pf	25	26	25	25	25¾	+1¼
St. Louis Southw. pf	9¼	9¾	9¾	9¼	9¾	+¼
St. Paul, Minn. & Man.	129	129½	129	129	129¾	
St. Paul & Omaha	68¾	72	72	68¾	70¾	+3½
Southern Pacific	14	14	14	14	14	-⅝
Southern Railway	7½	8	8	7½	8	-⅝
Southern Railway pf	25½	27¾	27¾	25¾	27¾	+1½
Tenn. Coal & Iron	19	21	19	19	20½	+2
Texas Pacific	10¾	10¾	10	10	10¾	-¾
Third Avenue	165	169	169	162	167½	+2½
Union Pacific	17¾	21	17¾	19¾	19¾	+4½
Union Pacific pf	49¾	55	49¾	53	53	+4½
U. S. Leather pf	5¾	6¾	5¾	5¾	5¾	
United States Leather	5¾	6¾	5¾	5¾	5¾	-¾
U. S. Rubber pf	55¾	58¾	55	55	58	+3¼
United States Rubber	16½	19	16½	18	18	+1¾
U. S. Rubber pf	67	69	67	67	68	+4
Wabash	6¾	7¾	6¾	6¾	7¼	+¾
Wabash pf	15	16¾	16	16	16¾	+1½
West Chicago St	91	94	90¾	90¾	93½	+3
Western Union Tel	85	88¼	85	85	86½	+2
W. & L. E., $1 as. pd.	2	2	2	2	2	-¼
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Bid and Asked Quotations.

The following were the closing quotations for Government bonds and for stocks in which there were no transactions:

	Bid.	Ask'd.
...1891	98	..
...1907	109	110
...1907	111	112¼
...1904	120¾	121
...1904	120¾	121
...1925	110¾	111¼
...1925	110¾	111¼
...reg. 1889-1908	108	..
...c. 1889-1908	108	..
...reg. 1898-1908	100	..
...c. 1898-1908	100	..
...reg. 1899-1900	100	..
...c. 1899-1900	100	..
...reg. 1904	116	..
...c. 1904	116	..
...reg. 1925	130	..
...c. 1925	130	..
...reg. 1907	110	140
...c. 1907	110	140
...Tel	..	28
...Side	11	13
...W. pf	..	..
...L. pf	5¼	6¼
...L. pf	103	106
...Trans. Co., 8d	..	..
...paid	4¼	4¾
...R. & P	21	30¾
...R. & P. pf	60	66
...Pacific	11¾	..
...Akron	154	160
...Ill	55	59
...Ill. pf	105	109
...Gas	26	30
...W. pf., B. 20	24¾	..
...Ind. & L	7	8
...Ind. & L. pf	23	25
...Ind. & W. pf	44	49
...Pitts	165	..
...Ind. & W. Dev	¼	1
...Ind. & W. Dev. pf	2	3
...Ind. & L. pf	..	80
...Ind. V. & T. pf	18	25
Com. Cable	160	180
Consol. Coal	41	..
Consol. Ice pf	84½	89
Del., L. & W	145	150
Den. & R. G	10½	..
D. M. & Ft. D	10	14
D. M. & Ft. D. pf	70	..
Dul., S. S. & A	2	4
D., S. S. & A. pf	4½	6
Eighth Avenue	325	335
Erie 2d pf	16¼	19
Ev. & T. H	18½	22
Ev. & T. H. pf	37	42
Ft. W. & R. G	10	16
Gt. Nor. pf	148	154
H. B. Claflin	..	99¾
Homestake	42	46¼
Ill. Cent. l. l	90	93
Ind., Ill. & Iowa	2	3
Iowa Central	7¾	8
Joliet & Chicago	160	..
Kanawha & Mich	..	6½
Keokuk & D. M	3	4½
K. & D. M. pf	12	15
Keokuk & West	32	35
Kingston & Pem	1	10
Laclede Gas pf	83	88
L. E. & W	15	18
Long Island	40	50
Manhattan Beach	5	8
Mexican Central	5	5¾
Mex. Nat. certfs	1	1¼
M. & St. L. 1st pf	80	84
Mo., K. & T	11	11¾
Mobile & Ohio	127	128½
Morris & Essex	170	178
National Starch	5¾	7
Nat. St. 1st pf	60	83
Nat. St. 2d pf	15	30
New Cent. C	6¼	7¾
N. Y. & N. H	183	186
N. Y., C. & St. L	12½	18
N. Y., C. & St. L. 1st pf	70	73
N. Y., C. & St. L. 2d pf	30	31¼
N. Y., S. & W	11	13
Norfolk So	62	66
Nor. & West	11¼	12
Ohio Southern	..	5
Ont. Mining	3	5
Penn. Coal	325	345
Peo., Dec. & Ev	¾	1¼
Peo. & Eastern	3½	6
P., C., C. & St. L. 4s	45	46¼
P., Ft. W. & C	166	170
Quicksilver	1¾	2
Quicksilver pf	7	8
Rens. & Saratoga	180	..
R. W. & O	117¼	120
St. L. & S. F	6½	7
St. L. S. W	4	4½
St. P. & Duluth	20	24
St. P. & D. pf	76	86
St. P. & O. pf	145	150
1st bullion certfs	55¼	55¾
Sixth Avenue	195	210
Standard R. & T	3¾	4
Tol. & O. C	15	24
Tol. & O. C. pf	38	42
Wells-F. Express	115	120
West. Union Beef	7¼	8
W. & L. E. pf., $1	90	..
was paid	9¾	10¾
Central pf	3	6
Wis. Central pf	20	..

STATUS OF NEW YORK CITY NON-MEMBER BANKS.

The following is the statement in detail for the past week of the banks not members of the Clearing House Association, but which clear through some of its members:

BANKS.	Capital.	Loans.	Specie.	Legals.	Deposits with Clearing-House Agent.	Deposits with Other Banks and Trust Companies.	Net Deposits.
...(New York City):							
...	$250,000	$2,557,400	$185,200	$87,100	$110,900	$133,800	$2,634,100
...	100,000	678,500	8,300	59,300	127,500	.....	762,300
...	300,000	1,986,100	110,600	97,000	168,500	.....	1,843,500
...Ward	1,115,100	70,900	94,100	201,900	.....	.....	1,884,900
...	100,000	398,100	13,000	58,700	136,100	.....	382,800
...Nat	200,000	470,000	109,000	15,000	86,000	.....	480,000
...	200,000	671,500	8,300	85,500	67,900	3,600	506,200
...	200,000	1,233,900	58,000	94,400	98,300	.....	1,326,800
...Nat	500,000	1,948,500	245,100	41,200	129,500	.....	1,435,800
...	100,000	468,400	98,000	57,400	45,800	17,700	556,700
...	200,000	1,169,000	41,000	60,000	98,000	.....	1,100,000
...	250,000	1,410,400	69,800	75,200	58,100	256,300	1,796,700
...	200,000	837,600	18,100	124,300	193,800	31,100	959,000
...	100,000	605,000	33,000	92,000	96,000	70,000	850,000
...	100,000	1,175,000	14,400	141,800	106,400	.....	1,224,300
...	100,000	762,400	8,400	37,200	91,100	.....	762,600
...	300,000	445,800	14,000	34,200	122,500	600	289,000
...	100,000	1,456,000	57,000	29,000	83,000	73,000	1,596,000
...	500,000	1,099,700	27,000	79,100	138,800	142,700	1,477,500
...	100,000	675,900	19,000	74,800	60,500	101,800	836,900
...	200,000	2,079,200	50,800	171,500	197,100	.....	2,354,400
...	100,000	1,116,900	96,000	78,100	105,200	.....	1,176,100
...	300,000	909,600	90,600	166,400	67,500	.....	987,000
...	150,000	958,400	27,500	48,800	136,900	85,000	1,097,100
...	100,000	1,182,400	25,900	108,000	76,000	.....	1,216,600
...	300,000	1,163,400	61,000	70,100	162,500	16,400	1,388,500
...	100,000	274,200	12,100	16,400	38,200	1,000	294,300
...	100,000	521,800	23,100	19,100	51,100	58,100	511,400
...	150,000	267,600	18,100	29,200	35,500	.....	295,400
...	100,000	340,800	32,200	24,200	79,000	.....	375,800
...	252,000	2,150,000	230,400	234,800	546,400	.....	2,749,000
...	500,000	2,826,800	97,000	118,000	140,400	.....	2,153,200
...	100,000	380,000	42,800	52,500	75,600	23,500	363,700
...National	1,000,000	8,252,000	212,000	174,000	640,000	61,200	8,740,000
...City	200,000	2,314,000	80,000	307,000	597,000	67,000	2,718,000	
...Side	100,000	966,800	10,800	52,300	64,200	256,900	1,204,600
...County	100,000	778,300	43,200	23,900	89,100	63,900	875,500
...(New Jersey City)	100,000	1,518,200	170,400	214,800	371,400	68,100	2,199,100
...Hudson	100,000	476,300	51,500	15,300	106,900	.....	480,800
...	100,000	294,400	7,100	37,600	99,700	.....	388,500
...	200,000	1,035,800	90,100	14,000	320,000	10,900	1,040,000
...	100,000	340,800	9,000	10,300	55,200	60,800	330,400
...	100,000	278,900	7,400	14,700	51,800	51,700	344,800
...	100,000	469,000	12,600	33,700	75,000	2,500	467,000
...	400,000	3,984,000	139,800	216,000	450,400	147,800	3,986,600
...	250,000	2,077,100	85,900	54,500	258,500	995,900	2,130,900
...	250,000	1,149,000	55,000	63,900	396,400	.....	1,460,400
...	200,000	355,800	32,400	66,200	185,300	109,900	991,800
...	110,000	1,508,200	103,900	28,500	145,700	185,600	1,455,800
...	125,000	1,701,600	40,100	97,100	95,900	105,800	773,500
...	25,000	411,800	17,900	12,900	80,700	700	485,500
...	100,000	547,800	21,900	26,700	62,900	.....	508,900
...	$9,212,000	$59,943,100	$3,123,900	$3,902,600	$7,776,900	$2,794,400	$64,196,800

...reports—Fifteen National Banks, Feb. 13, 1900; thirty-seven State banks, Dec. 16, ...ure, reserve.

LONDON MARKET.

...res closed strong in the Lon... The principal changes were: ... first preferred, 1¾, to 34½; ..., 1¼, to 83½; St. Paul, ¾, ...ville and Nashville, ¾, to ...Central, ¼, to 101¼, and Erie, ...-New York Central, ¾, ... ¼, to 5, and Atchison at ... declined ¼, to 111 15-16. ..., to 111 3-16, for the ac... count. The Bank of England gained £25,000 on balance.

In Paris, rentes closed at 103f 15c, and exchange on London at 25f 31½c. Gold was quoted in Buenos Ayres at 166.80 and in Rome at 106.

BIDS FOR BANK STOCKS.

America	250	Hanover	300
City	500	New Amsterdam	220
Columbia	170	New York	325
Garfield National	150		

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Complete Bond Transactions.

Am Tobacco Dy certfs 200	116	Indiana Illso Ill Co 1st M con 5s	106	Reading Co gen 4s	1,000	79½
Ann Arbor 1st 4s	65¾		1,000	116¼		2,000
At., T. & S. F. gen 4s	87¾	Kans 1st ext 5s	8,000	140		3,000
	25,000	87¾	Erie 4s prior bonds	10,000	88	
	5,000	87¾		6,000	88	
	1,000	87¾	Erie gen lien 3-4s	4,000	90	
	5,000	87¾		1,000	10	
	10,000	87¾	K. & T. Tex Cent G M 4s	5,000	73	
	5,000	87¾	H. & T. Cent 1st 5s	1,000	109	
	5,000	87¾		3,000	110	
	5,000	87¾	Lake Erie & W. 2d 5s	1,000	99½	
	15,000	87¾	L. S. & Mich So 5½s	1,000	106¼	
	1,000	87¾	Lehigh Val Term 4s	9,000	111	
	1,000	87¾	Louis. & Nash unified gold 4s	12,000	85¼	
	5,000	87¾		5,000	85	
	10,000	87¾		26,000	85	
	1,000	87¾		1,000	85	
	10,000	87¾	Met St Ry gen 5s	2,000	109¾	
	20,000	87¾		2,000	109¼	
	50,000	87¾	Mexican Inter 1st 4s	5,000	72	
	4,000	87¾		12,000	72¼	
	49,000	87¾		10,000	72¾	
	2,000	87¾		5,000	72¾	
	12,000	87¾		9,000	72¾	
	20,000	87¾		10,000	72¾	
	1,000	87¾	Minn Cent cons 7s	18,000	113	
	1,000	87¾	Mil & St P. I & D Div	4,000	140½	
	53,000	87¾	Mo, K & T 1st 4s	10,000	85¾	
	25,000	87¾		5,000	85½	
	1,000	87¾	Mo, K & T 2d	2,000	60¾	
	5,000	87¾		10,000	61	
	10,000	87¾		11,000	61¼	
	4,000	87¾	Mo Pacific 1st cons	6,000	95	
	71,000	87¾	Mo Pac 1st col 5s	2,000	88¾	
	40,000	87¾	Morris & Essex con gtd	1,000	127	
	10,000	87¾	Mobile & Ohio G M 4s	19,500	73	
	5,000	87¾		16,000	74	
	26,000	87¾		6,000	75	
	37,000	87¾	Nash, C & St L con	18,000	102½	
	10,000	87¾	N Y Cent 1st coup	1,000	115	
	40,000	87¾	N Y Cent deb 5s	20,000	109¼	
Balt & Ohio 1st, Parkersburg Branch	18,000	117		20,000	107	
Brooklyn R T 5s	1,000	98¼	N. Y., C & St L 4s	30,000	108	
Bklyn. W & W Co 5s	1,000	94		42,000	108	
Canada Southern 2d	2,000	105¾	N Y, S & W con 5s	42,000	106	
	8,000	105¾	N Y, S & W G M	5,000	89	
Cent Ga Ry 1st inc	4,000	33		3,000	90	
	9,000	33	Nor Pac gen lien 3s	15,000	59	
Cent Ga Ry con 5s	1,000	87¼		25,000	59¾	
	10,000	87		5,000	60	
Cent of N J gen 5s	5,000	111¾		26,000	60¼	
Registered	20,000	110¾		18,000	77	
Ches & Ohio gen 4½s	5,000	75		18,000	77¾	
	10,000	75¾	Ches & Ohio, R & A Div. 1st con 4s	20,000	102	
	5,000	76		2,000	102	
	18,000	77	2d consol 4s	1,000	93½	
	18,000	77¾	Norf & W Ry con 4s	500	82½	
Ches & Ohio, R & A Div. 1st con 4s	20,000	102	Nor Ry of Cal 5s	1,000	112½	
	2,000	102	Omaha & St L 1st	1,000	76½	
2d consol 4s	1,000	93½	Oregon Imp Co con 5s, Trust Co certfs, 5th installment paid	4,000	54½	
Chi & Alton 5s	1,000	112½		20,000	54½	
Chi, B & Q con 7s	1,000	114¾	Oregon Imp 1st, Trust Co certfs	10,000	56	
Chi, B & Q, Neb ext 4s	5,000	95¼		10,000	106	
Chi G L & C Co 1st	4,000	103	Oregon R & N 4s	5,000	93	
Chi, R I & P ext 5s	10,000	106¾		5,000	93½	
Chi, R I & P deb 5s	10,000	105	Oregon S L 1st con 5s	8,000	98	
Chi, R I & P 6s	20,000	130		5,000	98½	
Chi, St P & M 1st	10,000	130		2,000	99	
Chi Term Trans 4s	16,000	81¾	Inc A 5s	41,000	60¾	
Colorado Mid 1st, Trust Co certfs	5,000	61		25,000	61	
	5,000	62		6,000	61¼	
	5,000	63		5,000	62	
Colorado Mid 4s, Trust Co certfs, all installments paid	5,000	19	P, C. C. & St L 4½s, Series A	10,000	111	
	5,000	19¾	Pitts & West 1st	1,000	81	
Col, H V & T 5s, J P M & Co ctfs, $65 paid	14,000	73		5,000	90	
	2,000	73½	St L & Iron Mt gen 5s	20,000	90	
Dal & Waco 4st 5s	5,000	81¾		5,000	90½	
Edison Elec Ill Co of N Y 1st 5s	4,000	109	St L & Iron Mt, Arkansas branch ext 5s	2,000	102	
			Rio Grande West 1st	5,000	80¾	
			Total sales			$2,855,000

CONSOLIDATED EXCHANGE.

STOCKS.

Sales.		First.	High.	Low.	Last.
61,980	Am. Sug. Ref	119¾	119¾	117¾	118
100	Am. Tobacco	94¾	94¾	94¾	94¾
60	A., T. & S. F. pf	25	27¾	25	26¾
1,260	Brook. R. T	37¾	39¾	36¾	38¾
48,850	C., M. & St. P	88¾	94	88¾	92¾
8,880	C., R. I. & Pac	87	88	86¾	86¾
23,580	C., Bur. & Q	95¾	99¾	95¾	99¾
80	Chi. & Northw	116¾	119¾	116¾	119¾
170	Cent. of N. J	93¾	94¾	93¾	94
590	Gen. Electric	32¾	34	32¾	33¾
940	Louis. & Nash	67	71¾	67	70¾
7,570	Manhattan	99¾	101¾	99	99¾
80	Met. Street	138¾	140¾	138¾	139
1,740	Mo. Pacific	28¼	28¾	27¾	27¾
1,170	N. Y. Central	107¾	113¾	107¾	111¾
50	North Am. Co	5¾	5¾	5¾	5¾
200	Nor. Pacific	21¾	22¾	21¾	22¾
4,980	Nor. Pac. pf	60¼	64¾	59¾	63¾
140	Pacific Mail	28	28¾	28	28¾
800	People's Gas	90¼	93¾	89¾	92¾
500	Reading	17	18	17	18
170	Southern pf	25¾	27¾	25¾	27¾
180	Union Pacific	17¾	19¾	17¾	19¼
1,980	Union Pac. pf	49¾	54¾	49¾	53
220	Western Union	85¼	87	84¾	86¼
186,670					

BONDS.

Sales.		Open.	High.	Low.	Last.
$38,000	A., T. & S. F. ad	58¾	58¾	58¾	58¾
4,000	St. L. & I. M. Se	90	90¼	90	90¼
12,000	Texas Pac. 1st	81	81¼	81	81¼
5,000	U.P., D. & Gist.	53½	54	53½	54
9,000	Wabash 1st	105	106½	105	106½
$58,000					

BOSTON STOCK MARKET.

BOSTON, March 28.—The volume of trading was large to-day, with transactions particularly heavy in Sugar, Chicago, Burlington and Quincy, and copper shares, but with a broad market in Union Pacific and Atchison shares, and home specialties by no means neglected. From 163 at the close Saturday, Montana ran up to 167½ and back to 164 in the first hour. Butte was up 2; Old Dominion, 1¾; Tamarack, 4; Osceola, 1½; Wolverine, 1½; Baltic, 1; Centennial, 2; Atlantic, 1½. West End Street Railway rose 1; Stock Yards, 3½, and preferred, 1; Atchison preferred, 3½; Bell Telephone, 10. The market was the most active in two months. The closing hour brought about a partial reaction.

Closing bid and asked:

Railroad Companies.

	Bid.	Asked.
Boston & Albany	216	218
Boston & Lowell	215	220
Boston & Maine	162	..
Boston & Providence	275	..
Chicago Junction & Stock Yards	108¾	110
Fitchburg pf	98¾	99
Maine Central	125	127
Old Colony	186	188
Oregon Short Line	30	..
West End	80¾	81½

Mining Companies.

Aetna, (quicksilver)	1¾	2
Allouez	9¾	9¾
Atlantic	29	..
Boston & Montana	172½	175
Butte & Boston	23¾	23¾
Calumet & Hecla	512	..
Centennial	12¾	13½
Franklin	11½	12½
Gold Coin Mines	1¾	..
Napa, (quicksilver)	6¾	..
Osceola	89	..
Pioneer, (gold)	2¼	..
Quincy	107½	110
Santa Ysabel	5¾	6¼
Tamarack	147	150
Tecumseh	3	..
Wolverine	20	20½

Miscellaneous.

American Bell Telephone	2	250
Dominion Coal	17	18
Dominion Coal pf	100	101½
Edison Electric Illuminating	165	170
Erie Telephone	63	63½
General Electric	83¼	84
General Electric pf	..	90
Illinois Steel	45	50
Lamson Cons. Store Service	20	21
Mexican Telephone	..	2
New England Telephone	121	123
Philadelphia Company	51	53
Pullman Palace Car	170	..
United States Oil	12½	13
United States Rubber	16¾	17
Westinghouse Electric	..	22½
Westinghouse Electric pf	50	55½

Unlisted Securities.

Merced Gold Mining	4½	5½
Old Dominion Copper Mining	26¼	26¾

PHILADELPHIA PRICES.

PHILADELPHIA, March 28.—The boom in the New York stock market was reflected in the local one, and prices rapidly advanced. The war news caused the shorts to cover in such stocks of which they recently had been sellers. The trading was active, and there was more interest taken in the market than there had been for some

PETER F. MEYER, Auctioneer.
Will sell at auction, on
TUESDAY, APRIL 5,
At 12 o'clock, at the New York Real Estate Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway, N. Y.
Absolute Sale, Without Reserve or Limit,
OF THE
HUNTINGTON TRACT,
CONSISTING OF
156 Choice and Valuable Lots
LOCATED ON
138th, 139th, 140th, and 141st Streets,
AND
ST. ANN'S AVENUE,
Between 138th and 141st Streets.
TERMS OF SALE: $25 per lot cash; balance in 2 years, with interest at 7 per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually. Deeds and mortgage at purchaser's cost. Sale positive. Maps of the property can be had at the office of the auctioneer, 9 Pine Street, in front of the property, and at the office of the Chief Engineer of the Department of Public Parks, Arsenal, Central Park, 64th Street and 5th Avenue. Take elevated railroad to 138th Street station. Take horse cars on 3d Avenue to 138th Street, and 7th Avenue cars to 141st Street. Take ferry to foot of 129th Street, New York City.
PETER F. MEYER, Auctioneer.
will sell at auction, on
THURSDAY, APRIL 7TH, at 12 o'clock, at the New York Real Estate Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway, N. Y.
TRUSTEES' SALE.
BY ORDER OF CHARLES C. GOODRICH, WILLIAM H. LANGLEY, TRUSTEES, AND THE ASSIGNEE OF WILLIAM A. LANGLEY, INSOLVENT.
591 BUILDING LOTS
ON
3d, 4th, 5th and 6th Avenues,
61st, 62d, 63d and 64th Streets,
AND
30TH WARD,
BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN.
TO PER CENT. MAY REMAIN ON BOND AND MORTGAGE FOR 3 YEARS. 10 PER CENT. MAY REMAIN ON BOND AND MORTGAGE FOR 1 OR 2 YEARS, AT 7 PER CENT. INTEREST. TITLES GUARANTEED BY THE GUARANTEE & TRUST CO.
For boundaries, terms and particulars see Nos. 8, 9, 10 and 11 Catalogues. Maps can be had at the auctioneer's office, 111 Broadway, N. Y.
Messrs. Ackerly, Hall & Sullivan, Attorneys, 49 Wall St., and 42 Broadway.
GEO. R. READ, Auctioneer.
WILL SELL AT AUCTION
THURSDAY, MARCH 31st, 1870,
AT 12 O'CLOCK NOON,
At the New York Real Estate Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway.
Sale of
SIX VALUABLE LOTS
situated on the north side
OF 76TH
Southern Boulevard,
between Willis Av. and Brown Place.
Plot 150 ft. front by 100 ft. deep.
70 per cent. can remain on Mortgage for 1 or 3 years, at 7 per cent. interest, if so desired.
Further particulars can be had at the office of Geo. R. Read, No. 9 Pine Street, or of the Auctioneer, No. 111 Broadway.
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REAL ESTATE,
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SHERMAN SQUARE HOTEL,
Grand Boulevard and West 23d St.
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WALTER LAWRENCE, Manager.
APARTMENTS TO LET—UNFURNISHED
THE DALHOUSIE,
40 to 46 West 34th St., corner of Broadway, is now ready for rent. Elegant suites of rooms, with all modern improvements. Rents moderate. Apply on premises, or at 1 Nassau St.
JERSEY CITY TRACTION DEAL.
The Consolidated to be Leased to the North Jersey.
The Consolidated Traction Company, of Jersey City held its annual meeting yesterday and decided to lease its roads to the North Jersey Street Railway Company, which is collecting Company, which now operates over 130 miles of street railway, on the terms of the lease to the effect that after the payment of the interest on the bonds, slightly less than 7 per cent. per annum. After that the dividends are to be divided equally between the two companies. The lease was signed, but it will probably be some days before it will be completed.
The Jersey City Company also leases the Hudson County Horse Railroad, which runs from the old Court House, Jersey City, to Bergen Point, and the Jersey City and Bergen Railroad, which runs from Jersey City to Bergen Point.
Sadie Flint, a workhouse prisoner, who had been sent from the Tombs to the Penitentiary, was discharged from the latter on Saturday, with the consent of the Warden, and given in part payment of the balance of her term of imprisonment, 9, 11, and 12 Weldon Street. The said-to-have property, it is said, figured in the transaction at $250,000, and that of Fisher Street at $225,000.
Broker Hiram Rinaldo & Brother sold the sale recently reported of Old Slip, corner of Water Street, 20 by 50 feet, to Mr. Pell, by Mandelbaum & Loeffler to Pell & Sheon. The price was about $160,000.
It is reported that Charles H. Taylor has traded with the Washington Life Insurance Company the eight-story building 48 and 50 feet Nineteenth Street, 50 by 98 feet, and 52 feet Nineteenth Street, 50 by 98 feet, and 52 feet west of Fifth Avenue, 100 by 100.11. The consideration is $750,000.
A. Tyler Pitcher & Co. sold on account of Mrs. Mary Ann Moore, to the plaintiff, Mary M. Moore, for $5,000, the three-story brick and basement dwelling, No. 11 West One Hundred and Fourteenth Street. Size, 17.8 by 100.11; also, to foreclosure sale, for $5,000, the three-story brick and basement dwelling, No. 13 West One Hundred and Fourteenth Street. Size, 17.8 by 100.11; also, to foreclosure sale, for $5,000, the three-story brick and basement dwelling, No. 15 West One Hundred and Fourteenth Street. Size, 17.8 by 100.11; also, to foreclosure sale, for $5,000, the three-story brick and basement dwelling, No.

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A PRIVATE FAMILY WILL RENT BACK parlor, with extension, (use of front parlor,) as office for physician or dentist; house near Central Park and 59d St., "L" station; another room if desired. M. K., Box 189 Times Office.

ROOMS, FURNISHED OR UNFURNISHED, in single or suite; pleasant surroundings. Mrs. Hadden, 225 West 46th St.

RELIGIOUS NOTICES.

SPECIAL MEETINGS IN THE BAPTIST Church of the Epiphany, Madison Avenue, corner 64th Street, every evening at 8 o'clock, Tuesday, Rev. Wm. H. P. Faunce, D. D.; Wednesday, Rev. G. M. Shott; Thursday, Rev. H. L. Jones, pastor; Friday, Rev. W. C. Bitting, D. D. The music in charge of Mr. J. Henry McKinley.

MISCELLANEOUS.

BEST QUALITY OF LEHIGH RED ASH AND Lorse Mountain Coal at lowest Cash rates. Yards, cor. 57th St. & West End Av., 54th St. & 10th Av., 23d St. & 10th Av. THOMAS STOKES.

SITUATIONS WANTED—FEMALES.

Chambermaids.

CHAMBERMAID.—Personal reference. 268 West 16th St.

Cooks.

COOK.—By middle-aged Scotch woman as good cook; good baker; no objection to assist with washing; city or country; good city reference. 319 East 32d St.

COOK, &c.—By respectable girl as good cook and to assist with coarse washing; five years' reference from last place. H., Box 508, Times Up-town Office, 1,260 Broadway.

COOK.—By woman as cook; assist with washing and ironing; or by day or month; comfortable home desired. N. C., 650 3d Av.

COOK.—By thorough, competent, first-class cook; French; excellent city reference. J. S., 221 West 20th St., first floor, west.

COOK.—By reliable woman as good cook. Call Tuesday and Wednesday, 19 West 57th St., present employer's.

COOK.—By first-class cook; best city references. E. H., Box 5, 1,243 Broadway.

Housekeepers.

HOUSEKEEPERS.—By reliable, well-recommended couple, middle age; position with widower or otherwise; competent to take entire charge of house; country or city; understand the care of children and invalids. Refinement, Box 85, 1,243 Broadway.

Houseworkers.

HOUSEWORK.—By a girl; general housework; small private family; city reference. 206 East 26th St.

Lady's Maids.

MAID and SEAMSTRESS.—By an Alsace-Lorraine girl as maid and seamstress; willing and obliging; good reference. Julia Hinsberger, 154 East 50th St.

MAID.—By thoroughly competent French maid; dressmaker, hairdresser, and packer; wages from $25 a month; best city references. B., Box 826 Times Up-town Office, 1,260 Broadway.

MAID.—As maid to lady or children. M. C., 147 East 52d St.

Laundresses.

LAUNDRESS or HOUSEWORK.—By respectable woman to do fine washing or general housework by the day; city reference. 1,168 2d Av., between 61st and 62d Sts.

LAUNDRESS.—By first-class laundress by day or at home, or plain cook; undoubted personal references. 535 3d Av., Costello's bell.

LAUNDRESS.—By first-class Swedish laundress; best city references. 156 East 27th St.

LAUNDRESS.—By first-class laundress in private family; best city reference. 486 West 30th St.

Nurses.

NURSE.—By a competent young woman as nurse to infant or young child; capable of taking entire charge; efficient in sickness; excellent references. 260 West 15th St., care Quirk.

NURSE.—By an experienced young girl as nurse; with best city references. Ward, 633 East 138th St.

NURSE.—By young girl, 18, in American family as nurse to a child from 2 to 6 years old. W. Vonderluth, 414 East 31st St.

NURSE.—By young American girl as nurse to one or two children; city reference. Sadie Girvin, 1,028 1st Av., near 56th St.

Seamstresses.

SEAMSTRESS and MAID.—By a competent French seamstress and lady's maid; or would take care of a child from 10 to 14 years old; six years' best city references. M. H., Box 353, Times Up-town Office, 1,260 Broadway.

Waitresses.

WAITRESS.—By respectable woman as first-class waitress in small private family; makes all kinds of salads and understands serving wines and dinners; good carver; best city references; lady must be good wages $25; city or country. 209 East 58th St.; Egan's bell.

WAITRESS.—By a respectable girl as waitress in a private family; best city reference. Call at present employer's, 450 6th Av.

WAITRESS.—By respectable American girl as competent waitress; private family; city reference. H. C., 17 Scammel St.

Miscellaneous.

CORRESPONDENT TO LADIES; BY DAY OR hour. Advertiser, 923 6th Av.

SITUATIONS WANTED—MALES.

Butlers.

BUTLER.—By thoroughly reliable young man; eight years' best city reference; is a good valet and silver cleaner. J., 157 East 33d St.

Chefs.

CHEF.—As chef; well recommended; able manager for any class of kitchen. Constant, Times Up-town Office, 1,260 Broadway.

Coachmen.

COACHMAN.—Protestant; single; city or country; thoroughly understands the proper care of fine horses, carriages, harness; willing and obliging; can make himself useful around house; good city references. R., 147 East 30th St.

COACHMAN.—By Protestant; married; no incumbrance; thoroughly understands his business; personal reference from present employer. M., 430 West 18th St.

COACHMAN.—Married; small family; thoroughly competent, careful driver, in all harness; ten years' reference from last employer. M. M., 134 East 75th St.

COACHMAN or SECOND MAN.—By young man (Protestant) as coachman or second man; references from last employer. A. D., 113 East 33d St.

COACHMAN.—English; 25; thoroughly understands care of horses, carriages, harness; excellent city references; willing to be generally useful; city or country. Charles, 261 West 36th St.

COACHMAN.—English; thoroughly understands his business; five years' London experience; first-class references from high family; age, 31; single. Johnson, 216 West 36th St.

COACHMAN.—First-class; disengaged on account of death; references from three of the best families in New York. Hay, 48 East 50th St.

Gardeners.

GARDENER.—Strictly first-class; married; 14 years' experience in leading commercial and private places in England; five years in this country; highly recommended; last employer can be seen in city. W. R., Bridgeman's seed store, 37 East 19th St.

GARDENER.—Grown family; thoroughly understands care of gentleman's place, greenhouses, vegetables, fruits, shrubbery; fourteen years in present place. M. R., care of Alexis McConnell, 546 5th Av.

GARDENER and FLORIST.—As gardener and florist competent to take charge of gentleman's place; German; aged fifty; small family; best references. Gardener, 641 Steinway Av., Long Island City.

GARDENER.—Married; understands raising all kinds of vegetables, fruits, and flowers; can also milk and attend horses and do general work on gentleman's place; best reference. Joseph Ferris, 233 East 31st St.

GARDENER.—Married; understands growing vegetables, flowers, and lawns; also under glass; best references. Deitschman, 320 East 42d St.

Second Men.

SECOND MAN.—As second man by an Englishman who thoroughly understands his duties; can have excellent references. J. P., 21 East 31st St., care Jones.

THE TRADES.

PAINTER.—To do painting, decorating, paper hanging, &c.; owners, agents, private, &c.; best city references; first-class work; reasonable; paper hanging, 25 cents a roll; easy terms. Jacoby, 1,551 3d Av.; telephone 297 76th St.

HELP WANTED—MALES.

WANTED.—A young man of enterprise and ability to solicit advertisements for a leading New York paper. E., Box 101 Times Office.

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BROADWAY AND 32D ST.

GARDEN CITY HOTEL,
GARDEN CITY, L. I.,
WILL OPEN APRIL 1ST.

REFEREES' NOTICES.

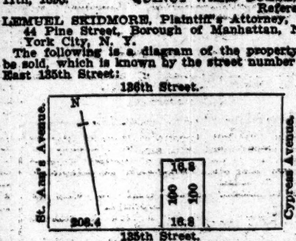
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF NEW YORK.—JULIE E. BERTHELL, plaintiff, against AUGUSTA A. BRUNJES and JOHN EDMONDS, defendants.—Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale duly made and entered in the above entitled action and bearing date the 10th day of March, 1898, I, the undersigned, the referee in the said judgment named, will sell at public auction, at the New York Real Estate Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway, in the Borough of Manhattan, in the County of New York, in the City of New York, on the fifth day of April, 1898, at twelve o'clock noon on that day by Thomas F. Foye, auctioneers, the mortgaged premises in the said judgment mentioned and therein described as follows:

All that certain lot, piece, or parcel of land, with the building thereon erected, situated, lying, and being in the City, County, and State of New York, (formerly in the Town of Morrisania, County of Westchester and State of New York,) and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on the northerly side of One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Street, distant two hundred and eight feet and four (4) inches easterly from the northeasterly corner of said One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Street and St. Ann's Avenue; running thence northwardly, parallel with St. Ann's Avenue and partly through the centre of a party wall one hundred feet; thence eastwardly, parallel with said One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Street, sixteen feet, eight inches; thence southwardly, parallel with St. Ann's Avenue, one hundred feet to the northerly side of said One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Street, and thence westwardly along the northerly side of One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Street sixteen feet eight inches to the point or place of beginning. Being the same premises conveyed to said Augusta A. Brunjes by John Entwistle and Lucy E. Entwistle, his wife, by deed bearing date the 12th day of November, 1891, and recorded in the office of the Register of the City and County of New York on the 12th day of November, 1891, at 2 o'clock 33 minutes P. M., in Block Series, (Conveyances,) Section 10, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th wards, under Block Number 2,548 of the land map of the City of New York.—Dated March 11th, 1898.

QUINCY WARD BOESE,
Referee.

LEMUEL SKIDMORE, Plaintiff's Attorney, No. 44 Pine Street, Borough of Manhattan, New York City, N. Y.

The following is a diagram of the property to be sold, which is known by the street number 861 East 135th Street:



The approximate amount of the lien or charge upon the above property to satisfy which the said property is to be sold is $1,907.59, with interest thereon as to the sum of $1,742.50 from the 28th day of February, 1898, and as to the sum of $165.89, the balance of said amount, from the 10th day of March, 1898, together with the expenses of the sale. And the approximate amount of the taxes, assessments, or other liens upon the said property, which are to be allowed to the purchaser out of the purchase money or which are to be paid by the referee is $95.

The said premises are sold subject to a first mortgage to secure the principal sum of $3,500, with interest from December 10th, 1897, at the rate of five per cent. per annum.

QUINCY WARD BOESE, Referee.

LEMUEL SKIDMORE, Plaintiff's Attorney. m18-2awSwTuThSapr5

NEW YORK SUPREME COURT, NEW YORK County.—ELIAS KEMPNER, plaintiff, vs. WALTER B. ATTERBURY and others, defendants.

In pursuance of a judgment of foreclosure and sale made and entered in the above-entitled action, bearing date the 1st day of March, 1898, and entered in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New York on the 2nd day of March, 1898, I, the undersigned, referee in said judgment named, will sell at public auction, on the 30th day of March, 1898, at twelve o'clock noon, at the New York Real Estate Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway, in the Borough of Manhattan, in the New York City, by Strong & Ireland, auctioneers, the mortgaged premises in said judgment mentioned and therein described as follows: All that certain lot, piece, or parcel of land, together with the buildings thereon and appurtenances thereto belonging, situate in the Twenty-first Ward of the City of New York, on the southerly side of Twenty-ninth Street, between the Second and Third Avenues, and bounded and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a point on the southerly line of Twenty-ninth Street, distant eastwardly from the easterly line of the Third Avenue two hundred and ten feet, and running thence southerly parallel to the said easterly line of the Third Avenue, ninety-eight feet eight and one-half inches to the centre of the block; thence easterly parallel to the said southerly line of Twenty-ninth Street twenty-five feet; thence northerly parallel to the said easterly line of the Third Avenue ninety-eight feet eight and one-half inches to the southerly line of Twenty-ninth Street; thence westerly along the last mentioned line twenty-five feet to the place of beginning.—Dated March 4th, 1898.

CLIFFORD W. HARTRIDGE,
Referee.

BACKUS & MANNE, Plaintiff's Attorneys, No. 205 Montague Street, Borough of Brooklyn, New York City.

The following is a diagram of the property to be sold, which is known by the street number 211 East 29th Street:

The approximate amount of the lien or charge to satisfy which the above-described property is to be sold is Three thousand six hundred and seventy-seven and 12-100 dollars, with interest from the 18th day of February, 1898, and the costs of this action, amounting to $370.70, with interest thereon. Also unpaid taxes and assessments, and water rates, amounting approximately to Four hundred and fifty-seven and 80-100 ($457.80) dollars. The premises will be sold subject to a prior mortgage to secure the sum of Twenty-four Thousand Dollars, with interest thereon.

CLIFFORD W. HARTRIDGE,
Referee.

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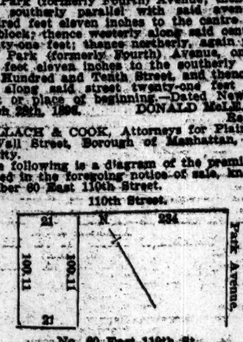
SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, New York County.—GUSTAV FALK, plaintiff, v. JAMES W. BINGHAM, et al., defendants.—Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale duly made and entered in the above entitled action and bearing date the 26th day of March, 1898, I, the undersigned, the referee in the said judgment named, will sell at public auction, at the New York Real Estate Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway, in the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, on the 19th day of April, 1898, at 12 o'clock noon of the day, the premises in said judgment mentioned and therein described, as follows: All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the City of New York and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on the southerly side of One Hundred and Tenth Street, distant two hundred and thirty-nine feet westerly from the southwesterly corner of said street and Park (formerly Fifth) Avenue; thence running southerly parallel with said avenue one hundred feet eleven inches to the centre line of the block; thence westerly along said centre line twenty-one feet; thence northerly, again parallel with Fifth (formerly Fourth) Avenue, one hundred feet eleven inches to the southerly side of One Hundred and Tenth Street, and thence easterly along said street twenty-one feet to the point or place of beginning.—Dated New York, March 28th, 1898.

DONALD McLEAN,
Referee.

WALLACH & COOK, Attorneys for Plaintiff, 28 Wall Street, Borough of Manhattan, N. Y. City.

The following is a diagram of the premises described in the foregoing notice of sale, known as Number 60 East 110th Street.



No. 60 East 110th St.

The approximate amount of the lien or charge to satisfy which the property is to be sold is $18,087.15, (exclusive of costs,) with interest from February 18th, 1898, and the approximate amount of the charges or liens for taxes, assessments, &c., is $1,097.85, with interest to be added.

RICHARD H. CHARKE, Referee.

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INSTRUCTION.

A Former Government Official desires a few men or ladies for coming examination for position; United States Customs Inspector; success guaranteed. Address "Inspector," 296 Union St., Jersey City.

INSTRUCTION—DANCING.

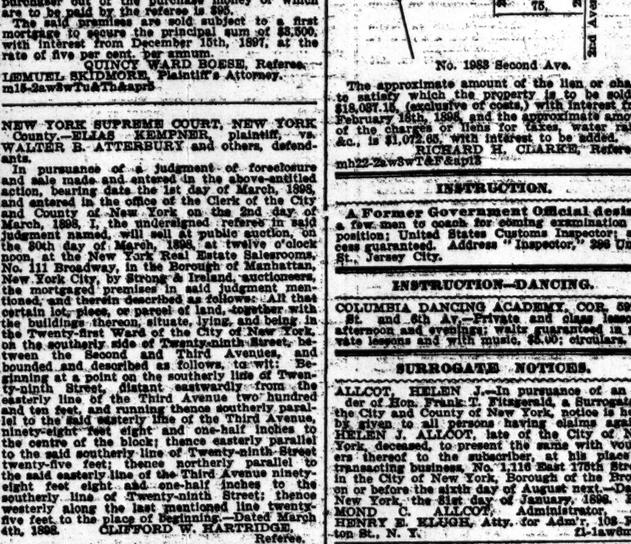
COLUMBIA DANCING ACADEMY, COR. 59TH St. and 6th Av.—Private and class lessons; afternoon and evenings; waltz guaranteed in private lessons and with music, $5.00; circulars.

SURROGATE NOTICES.

ALLCOT, HELEN J.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. Frank T. Fitzgerald, a Surrogate of the City and County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against HELEN J. ALLCOT, late of the City of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscriber, at his place of transacting business, No. 115 Broadway, in the City of New York, Borough of the Bronx, on or before the sixth day of August next.—Dated New York, the 31st day of January, 1898. EDMOND C. ALLCOT, Administrator, &c. HENRY E. KLUGE, Atty. for Adm'r, 108 Fulton St., N. Y. f1-lawSmTu

DE MIRANDA, LUCIANA GOVIN.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. John H. V. Arnold, Surrogate of the City and County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against LUCIANA GOVIN DE MIRANDA, late of the City of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscriber, at his place of transacting business, at No. 66 New Street, in the City of New York, on or before the tenth day of May next.—Dated New York, the ninth day of November, 1897.—ANGELINA M. DE QUESADA, Executrix. HORATIO S. RUBENS, Atty. for Executrix, 56 New Street, New York City. n9-lawSmTu

DUVAL, LAWRENCE.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. Frank T. Fitzgerald, Surrogate of the City and County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against LAWRENCE DUVAL, late of the City of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscriber, at her place of transacting business, Room 67, No. 154 Nassau Street, in the City of New York, on or before the 25th day of October, 1897. MARGARET DUVAL, Administratrix, JOSEPH G. GAY, Attorney for Administratrix, 154 Nassau Street, New York City. o26-lawSmTu



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H. D. Ohlsen of the Grand Jury That Indicted Willis and Philips Kills Himself.

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He Said Some One Wanted to Bribe Him and Mysterious Notes Were Pushed Under His Door—In Financial Difficulties, Too.

Henry D. Ohlsen, a member of the Kings County Grand Jury, which indicted Police Commissioner Philips and ex-City Works Commissioner Willis, committed suicide early yesterday morning or late Sunday night by shooting himself through the heart in his factory at 381 Adams Street, Brooklyn. A letter which he wrote to his son-in-law, Arthur Hild, indicates that he was worried by business reverses, but his daughter, Mrs. Mary Hild, says that he was also troubled over the indictments, and that he had told her some one wanted to bribe him. Her story is a strange one, and indicates the possibility that Mr. Ohlsen was pursued and badgered to the point of suicide by some unknown persons. Mysterious notes, all unsigned, written in a disguised handwriting, and pushed by an unknown hand under the front door of his house, figure in the story.

Mr. Ohlsen was a manufacturer of patent medicines, and lived at 164 De Kalb Avenue. On Sunday Mr. Hild asked him to go with him to the benefit performance for the Maine monument at the Montauk Theatre. Mr. Ohlsen replied that he had an engagement with a man in Manhattan for 5 o'clock in the evening. Mr. and Mrs. Hild went to the theatre and Mr. Ohlsen started for Manhattan. They went down town together in a trolley car, parting at Bond and Fulton Streets.

A Note from Ohlsen in His Pocket.

As the Hilds arrived at their home after the performance, Mr. Hild happened to put his hand in his pocket and felt an envelope.

"Why, this is strange," he said, producing it. "A letter has been placed in my pocket without my knowing it."

"It's from papa," exclaimed his wife, looking at the address.

Mr. Hild hurriedly opened the letter, and read as follows:

My Dear Arthur—If anything should happen to me I ask you to take my following advice:

First—Go with Mary, dear, to Pastor Ludwig and ask him if he knows somebody who is willing to buy your house as it is, even if you lose something. Speak also with the other people; for instance, Cornell and Hanken. You must do this immediately, for you know how deeply you are in trouble. Maybe that Stephen Reve knows somebody. Give up the business at once and do not have anything to do with it any more, for you need too much money for it. Do not have anything more to do with Galvin Young, and treat Packer as friendly as possible, for you know he can make it very disagreeable for you if he wants to. If you should be asked for the formula say you have never seen it, and that you do not know how the medicine is made. After the business is sold and the house as well, go out to the country immediately, and keep away from Fourteenth Street forever.

You and I have found out what it means to be without money and to have debts. You can expect nothing but slander from our former friends and joy over our troubles. All my money but a few dollars is gone. I ask don't show this letter to anybody and do not talk about it.

YOUR PAPA.

I ask you the last time to stick to mamma, Mary, dear, and your dear child. Then everything will be all right again, and save your money if you get some again, as I have told you so, and take the damned fool's advice. PAPA.

Found Dead in His Office.

Filled with forebodings, Hild hurried to his father-in-law's office in Adams Street. On the way he stopped at his brother's house and asked him to go along. The front door of the factory was locked, but Mr. Hild's brother, who was a bookkeeper for Ohlsen, had a key, and opened the door. The office door was locked from the inside, but they forced it open and found Ohlsen lying on the floor, face down, with a bullet through his heart and a twenty-two-calibre revolver clutched in his right hand.

The Hilds notified the police of the First Precinct, and the son-in-law said that Mr. Ohlsen had for some time been in depressed spirits because of failure to get his medicines on the market.

But the strange feature of the story, especially when taken in connection with Mr. Ohlsen's trip to Manhattan, was made known yesterday by Mrs. Hild, the daughter. Her father, she said, had told her that he was much worried about the questions under consideration by the Grand Jury. She had asked him what troubled him, and he had vaguely answered that some one had been trying to get him to "do something." She pressed him further, and he finally said that some one wanted to bribe him.

"I said to him," continued Mrs. Hild, "'Don't take a bribe from any one, no matter what trouble you are in. You know it will surely come out some time, and then it will be all the worse for you.' He replied, 'Don't be afraid, I won't take a bribe, but it worries me.'

"But the trouble continued. Notes were slipped under the door, and when he read them he was very much troubled. One of these notes attempted to make an appointment at the Clarendon Hotel.

"He always assured me that he would never take a bribe. He was very good, and I know he would not do anything of that sort unless he did not realise what he was doing. The notes continued to come, and always annoyed him very much. He seemed to be afraid of something or some one. Only yesterday morning one of these notes was pushed under the door. When he picked it up and read it, he found the words, 'You know what is wanted,' or something to that effect."

What the Mysterious Notes Said.

Mrs. Hild had three of the notes in her possession. The first read as follows: "Pleased to see you at Clarendon Hotel."

Next came one which read: "Come to Newark Sunday night; we will meet you." This may refer to the appointment which Mr. Ohlsen kept on the night of his suicide.

The third one was: "Kindly advise us what night we can see you at, you know."

Each of these notes was inclosed in a common yellow envelope. They appear to have been written in a disguised hand, and some of the words were misspelled.

Hild was asked about the alleged attempt at bribery, and replied: "Mr. Ohlsen told me of a letter he had received from some one threatening him, but he did not give me much information about it. There were some notes put under the door, and all were unsigned.

Mr. Ohlsen leaves a wife and three married daughters. When he was summoned on the Grand Jury he complained that his health was poor and his business demanded his attention, and said he did not wish to serve. He was seldom present at the sittings of the jury.

This is not the first report of attempted bribery in connection with the City Works indictments. On the day that the indictments were handed up to Judge Aspinall, it was rumored that some one had unsuccessfully attempted to bribe the foreman, Thomas E. Edwards. Mr. Edwards refused to discuss the story.

The Grand Jury Continues Its Work.

The Kings County Grand Jury yesterday resumed its investigation of the conduct of the Brooklyn City Works Department under Commissioner Willis. The Water Works are now under examination, and the principal witness yesterday was Laurens C. Eisenhut, who was an engineer in that department, and who has severely criticised some of the contracts given out. Christian Hoffman, a Bath Beach contractor, was also summoned before the Grand Jury.

Statement from Emil L. Boas.

Emil L. Boas, General Manager in New York of the Hamburg-American Line of steamers, sent to THE NEW YORK TIMES yesterday a contradiction of a statement contained in a letter from Berlin and published in THE NEW YORK TIMES Sunday. The letter, referring to certain attacks on Dr. Pitcairn, United States Consul in Hamburg, said they "undoubtedly emanated from the agents of the Hamburg-American Line in the United States." Mr. Boas said that one of the company's steamers leaves Hamburg on Sundays. Dr. Pitcairn declined to sign the papers or do any work on Sundays, and the matter had been referred to the Treasury Department. The difficulty had been rectified. Dr. Pitcairn or his deputy now signs the papers Sunday, and the little dispute was at an end. No attacks were made on the Consul by the company, and there had been and is no unpleasantness of any sort.

LEGAL POINTS.

THE SALE OF IMPURE MILK WAS NOT PROVED.—A judgment given in favor of John Kelling, in a suit brought against him in the First District Court, in the name of the people of the State, to recover a penalty of $200 for alleged violation of the Agricultural law of 1893, prohibiting the sale of adulterated milk, was yesterday affirmed by the Appellate Term of the Supreme Court, in an opinion by Justice Gildersleeve. The decision of the District Court, by Justice Lynn, was upon the ground that no proof was given that adulterated milk was sold. It appeared that about 8 o'clock on the morning of the 23d of last July two Milk Inspectors boarded defendant's milk wagon, driven by one Wilder, when near the Twenty-third Street ferry, and took some samples of the milk, which were examined by Government experts and found to be adulterated. Mr. Kellins testified upon the trial that none of this milk was sold by him, and that when he was informed of what had occurred it was all returned to the farm of G. D. Parsons of Oxford, Orange County, from whom he got it. The detectives who examined the cans upon the wagon said five of them were all right, but that one was not right. Mr. Kellins produced railroad receipts to show that he had shipped back all of this milk, and Parsons said he received it back the next night, at the same time receiving complaint that it was supposed to be adulterated. Justice Gildersleeve, in his opinion, said, in part: "The statute does not declare the mere possession of such milk unlawful, and it only applies where there is some action taken or intended to be taken by the person charged, whereupon traffic in the adulterated article may be found. McGuire, the Inspector, swears that he boarded the wagon at 8 A. M. at Thirteenth Avenue and Twenty-third Street, near the ferry. He did not know what became of the milk or where it was taken. The defendant swears that his driver went every morning and got milk at Jersey City. It cannot be presumed that the defendant was engaged in an unlawful act. The presumption is that his conduct would be upright and honorable, and in accordance with the law. It cannot be said that the testimony adduced points with reasonable certainty to the conclusion of guilt. The inference that the driver was on his way to defendant's place of business, where an inspection was to be had before offering the milk for sale, is quite as rational an hypothesis. There is no sufficient evidence to sustain a finding that the defendant's driver was delivering milk to customers at the time the impure milk was found upon the defendant's wagon. His driver had apparently just received it from the shipper. There is no evidence of collusion with the shipper, and none will be presumed. The conclusion of the trial Justice is fully supported by the evidence."

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CONVERSION OF TRUST FUNDS.—Mrs. Mary H. Holley was a widow with two daughters when she married William R. Bunker, one of the members of the firm of Caldwell & Bunker. Mrs. Bunker, who died in August, 1891, by her will left her residuary estate to her husband as executor, in trust for her two daughters for life, with remainder to their children. Bunker, at various times had pledged, without his wife's knowledge or authority, bonds belonging to the trust estate, to Caldwell & Bunker during the existence of the firm, as collateral security for loans to himself individually. In November, 1894, the firm failed, and made a general assignment to Sherman W. Knevals. Gertrude M. Randall and others, the beneficiaries under Mrs. Bunker's will, then brought suit against Mr. Knevals, impleaded with others, to recover $14,000 of bonds in the possession of the Bank of America, which held them as security for notes of Caldwell & Bunker. The bank's right to the bonds as pledges in good faith was not questioned, but plaintiffs claimed that other securities which the bank held for the notes should first be applied to their payment, and that the bonds, or what was left of them, should be delivered to their trustee. The assignee claimed that the firm was a bona fide holder of the bonds for value, and that he, as assignee, had succeeded to its rights. The referee before whom the case was tried, reported in favor of the plaintiffs. That decision had now been affirmed by the First Appellate Division in an opinion by Justice Barrett. The main questions presented by the appeal were whether the declaration of Bunker made to plaintiffs' agent, in February, 1894, during the existence of the firm, was admissible as against the assignee, and if it was, whether Caldwell & Bunker were holders of the bonds in good faith. Justice Barrett held that the declaration having been made by one member of a partnership during its continuance, with regard to partnership affairs and property, was evidence as against the firm. The trust ownership of the bonds being thus proved, it followed that Caldwell & Bunker were not purchasers of them in good faith, and for value. Bunker's guilty knowledge was clearly imputable to the firm. "The burden was upon the firm," Justice Barrett said, "to show good faith, and that called for proof on its part of the circumstances attendant upon the transaction between Bunker and itself. No such proof was given. The bad faith of Bunker was beyond peradventure."

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VIOLATION OF BUILDING COVENANT.—In May, 1896, Ephraim B. Levy sold four building lots in this city to John Schreyer, the latter covenanting in the deed that he would not erect on any part of the premises any "tenement house" or any "houses except private dwellings," the front walls of which should set back "at least ten feet from the front line of the lot." Schreyer soon after began to build on one of the lots, when Levy sought to enjoin him, because the front wall was not ten feet from the front line of the lot and because the building was not a private residence, but a flat or tenement house. The trial court sustained the contention of the defendant, Schreyer, that the construction of the building did not violate the covenant, but held that a portion of the front wall did not set back ten feet from the front line of the lot. On appeal by both parties the judgment has been reversed by the Appellate Division, Justice McLaughlin giving the opinion. The appellate tribunal holds that the side of a bay window projection is but 8 feet 8 inches from the front line of the lot for 4 feet 2 inches of length, and that the trial court was right in holding that the construction of the bay window was a violation of the defendant's covenant. The court also holds that the building violates the covenant not to erect houses except private dwelling houses. "It is constructed," Justice McLaughlin said, "so that it can be occupied by three families living separate and apart. This characterizes the building and prevents it, as it seems to me, from coming within the class of buildings which the parties termed a private residence." Justices Rumsey and O'Brien dissented.

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AWARD FOR FEE AND EASEMENT.—An award to unknown owners for a lot of land taken in a proceeding by the Board of Street Opening and Improvement to acquire title to Decatur Avenue, from Brookline Street to Mosholu Avenue, was claimed by Cornelius B. Schuyler, as owner of the fee, and also by Henry D. Purroy, as owner of an easement, to which the land taken was appurtenant. After the award was paid into the court, a referee, appointed to take proof, reported that Schuyler owned the fee, subject to an easement that the property should be kept open as a street, vested in Purroy. Schuyler was awarded $75, and Purroy $482.66. The Appellate Division, on Schuyler's appeal, has affirmed the order of confirmation of the referee's report, holding, by Justice Ingraham, that the two claimants together were the owners of the land, and were entitled to the fund which stood in place of the land, according to their respective interests.

Buffalo Bill's Annual Parade.

The annual parade of Buffalo Bill's Wild West and Congress of Rough Riders of the World will take place this morning. It will include several hundred horsemen gathered by Col. Cody from the four quarters of the globe. Each one of this curious procession will appear in the garb of his calling at home. The parade will leave Madison Square Garden at 10 o'clock, and will move on Madison Avenue to Twenty-third Street, thence to Lexington Avenue, to Fifty-seventh Street, to Fifth Avenue, to Waverley Place, to University Place, to Wooster Street, to Grand, to Bowery, to Fourth Avenue, and thence back to Madison Square Garden, where it will disband. A feature of the procession will be the presence of Col. Delgado of the Cuban Army, the companion of Maceo, who will be at the head of fifteen Cuban soldiers. The Cuban flag will be carried.

Epiphany Church Meetings.

A series of meetings will be held at the Baptist Church of the Epiphany, Madison Avenue and Sixty-fourth Street, every evening this week, beginning at 8 P. M., under the direction of the pastor, the Rev. H. L. Jones; the Rev. Dr. W. R. Faunce, the Rev. G. M. Shott, and the Rev. Dr. W. C. Bitting. The public is cordially invited to attend.

BAUER CONVICTED AGAIN

Precautions Taken to Prevent the Prisoner from Killing Himself.

A THIRTEEN-YEAR SENTENCE

Recorder Goff Tells the Prisoner that Sooner or Later He Would Have Committed Murder—To be Tried Again To-morrow.

Paul Bauer, alias George W. Duval, who last week was found guilty of attempting to escape from the Tombs, was tried and convicted before Recorder Goff in General Sessions yesterday on the charge of carrying knockout drops. Immediately after the jury had given its verdict the Recorder sentenced him to three years in State prison on the first conviction and gave him the maximum sentence of ten years on the second. There is still another charge against him—that of robbing Sadie Miller of her diamonds, for which he will be placed on trial to-morrow.

Bauer had made threats to kill himself if convicted on the second charge, and, through fear that he might attempt to carry out these threats, eight Central Office detectives were stationed in court to help the court officers in case of trouble. But the prisoner had no opportunity to make away with himself, even if he had so intended. He had been searched very carefully, and during the trial several officers were sitting almost within reach of him.

His Relatives Testify.

Among the witnesses who testified in the case were Bauer's step-mother, Mrs. Rosina Bauer, and his half sister, Isabelle Bauer, both of Newark. The sister, a respectable-looking young girl with spectacles, testified that Bauer had kept chloroform in a large bottle, from which she often saw him fill small bottles, which he put in his pocket. The mother testified to the same effect. An attendant in the Tombs testified that the prisoner had asked him for chloroform for a toothache. Bauer did not get the chloroform as he had asked for it, but Dr. O. J. Ward, the Tombs physician, had prescribed for him a solution of the drug.

After the announcement of the verdict Bauer showed signs of breaking down. He showed signs of anger, too. He threw his hat across the table at which he sat, and, sinking far down in his chair, pulled out his handkerchief and wiped away the tears that gathered in his eyes. When he was called to the bar he looked around the room as if contemplating escape.

The Recorder's Comments.

In sentencing the prisoner the Recorder said:

"I do not wish to say anything that would increase the enormity of your offense and the unfortunate position in which you are, but I consider that the safety of the community, even the degraded members of it, would be better safeguarded by your being protected against yourself. I think the interests of the community require that a criminal of your intelligence and capacity should be put beyond doing harm to your fellow-men. Being in possession of these anaesthetics or narcotics is a most heinous offense. One who provides himself with such deadly instruments as that would commit murder. You are not a chemist, and you could not understand the degree of application or the quantity of chloroform that might safely be administered to a person. You use it in its original condition in a way that no chemist or physician in America would dare to use it upon an animal, much less upon a human being; so that murder would follow sooner or later from your practice. I therefore consider it my duty, for the protection of the public, and as an exemplary warning to all such inclined, that the full intent of the Legislature should be given to this offense—ten years in State prison, to commence at the expiration of the first term to which you have been sentenced."

A REQUEST FROM GEN. GRANT.

Col. Grant in Washington with His Late Father's Letter Asking a Cadetship for U. S. Grant III.

President McKinley will probably be reminded to-day of a campaign promise made in response to a most effective appeal which came from his late predecessor, Gen. Grant, and was indorsed by one other famous Union General, Sherman. The request is for an appointment to West Point for Ulysses S. Grant III., which Col. Frederick Dent Grant, the young man's father, and the son of Lee's conqueror, carried yesterday to Washington. Its form was a letter dictated to Col. Grant by his father nearly thirteen years ago, addressed to "The President of the United States," and indorsed two years later by Gen. W. T. Sherman.

Ulysses S. Grant III. is a student at the Cutler School, in East Fiftieth Street, and is sixteen years old, having been born on Independence Day, 1881. When he was in his fourth year and his famous grandfather was nearing the Summer of 1885, which was to prove fatal to him, the latter, who wanted his small namesake to have a soldier's training, bethought himself of writing a note to the man who should fill the President's chair when the youngster was of an age to go to West Point, and asking him to favor the boy's appointment. So he dictated the letter referred to in a few brief lines. This was done in the old Grant home, 3 East Sixty-sixth Street. The understanding was that the letter should be delivered to the Executive when young Ulysses reached the age of sixteen. A short while after the boy attained his fourth year, Gen. Grant died.

Two years later, Col. Grant asked Gen. W. T. Sherman to add his indorsement to the letter of his old chief, and the latter did so in a brief note, written across the foot of the sheet. This double request would naturally assure U. S. Grant III. a cadetship he wants, but he has an even further guarantee in the promise of President McKinley. In the Summer of 1896, Col. Grant passed through Canton with his son, and at that time William McKinley said that if he would be glad to appoint the grandson of Gen. Grant to the cadetship, if he should be elected President.

Col. and Mrs. Grant and Miss Julia Dent Grant, their daughter, left their home, at 25 East Sixty-second Street, yesterday for a visit to Washington. Col. Grant took the letter with him, and will wait his chance to present it. Ulysses S. Grant III. is a tall, sturdy young man, proficient in his studies and fond of athletics, though his parents have kept him from football. An injury would make a soldier's life out of the question. He learned German during his father's term as United States Minister to Austro-Hungary, under Harrison, 1889-93. He finishes his course at the Cutler School this year, and purposes to study one year at the Columbia School of Mines, going to West Point in 1899, if he is appointed this Spring.

DIED AFTER EATING OYSTERS.

Two Physicians Say Mrs. Ellis Was Killed by Ptomaine Poisoning.

he Coroners' office was informed yesterday by Dr. P. T. Leyendecker of 138 Second Street that Mrs. Mary Ellis of 157 Second Street had died of ptomaine poisoning after eating an oyster stew.

At 11 o'clock last Thursday night Mrs. Ellis and her husband went to a restaurant at 13 Avenue B, and she called for an oyster stew. After she reached home she fell ill, and grew rapidly worse until she died. Dr. Carl H. Leilman of 71 East Fifty-fifth Street concurred in the opinion that the woman had died from the cause named.

Oyster stew is sold at the restaurant they patronized for 12 cents a plate, but the proprietress of the place says it is just as good as any stew ever made. She says Mrs. Ellis did not die from eating the stew, but was sick when she came into the restaurant.

Lecture on Spurgeon.

A lecture on the life and work of the Rev. Charles Haddon Spurgeon, the famous English Baptist divine, will be delivered in the Lexington Avenue Baptist Church this evening by the Rev. J. W. Ashworth. The lecture will be free. Dr. Ashworth for thirty years enjoyed an intimate acquaintance with the great English preacher.

RAPID TRANSIT WORK.

The Commission to Meet in a Few Days—Charles Stewart Smith Returns Next Week.

A meeting of the Rapid Transit Commissioners will be held this week, probably Thursday afternoon. The calling of an earlier meeting will depend upon whether or not Engineer McLean, of the Finance Department, makes his report to the Controller on the proposed franchise for the Manhattan Company, which was referred to him last week. The disposition of the seven franchises for the Manhattan, recommended by the Committee on Contract, is the chief immediate concern of the board, it being the desire and purpose to bring the negotiations with Mr. Gould and his associates to a head as soon as possible and reach some definite settlement. Charles Stewart Smith will return to this city next week and after that time the board will no longer be dependent upon the attendance at its meetings of either the Mayor or Controller.

President Orr has signed the stipulation as to the bond to be required of the contractor or contractors of the proposed underground road, upon which the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court conditioned its approval of the report of its Commissioners in favor of the construction of the road. The form of advertisement for bids for the construction, equipment, and operation of that road yet remains to be determined, and is a subject that will doubtless be taken up in the near future.

The appointment of George H. Peagram as consulting engineer of the Manhattan Railway Company was announced yesterday by one of the newspapers as a piece of news having significance in view of the Manhattan Company's announced intention to improve and extend its lines. Mr. Peagram's appointment to this place was made some time ago and was published in these columns at the time.

THE NEW CIVIL SERVICE RULES.

Reply of the Municipal Commission to the State Board's Inquiry About Them.

The Municipal Civil Service Commission has made a reply to the recent inquiry sent to it by the State Board of Civil Service Commissioners as to what grounds it had for not submitting the new municipal civil service regulations to the State Board for approval.

The answer of the municipal commission, which was made through its Secretary, Lee Phillips, denies the right of the State board to have any say in regard to the civil service rules relating to positions under the municipal Government. Mr. Phillips, in speaking of the matter last night, said:

"The Commissioners' reply to the State board was couched in courteous terms, and merely stated that the old law which required that the Mayor prescribe the regulations to be approved by the State Board of Civil Service Commissioners, was made null and void when the new city charter went into effect, as this provides that the municipal Commissioners shall make the regulations and submit them to the Mayor for his approval. They could make no other answer to the inquiry under the circumstances, as their position is demonstrated so clearly in the charter, and I do not think the question will be brought up again."

HEARING ON TAX ARREARS.

Mayor Van Wyck Considering a Bill Relieving Property in Long Island City.

Patrick J. Gleason, ex-Mayor of Long Island City, and his enemies in the Borough of Queens, appeared before Mayor Van Wyck yesterday at a hearing on a bill to relieve from penalties property in arrears of taxes within the boundaries of the former city. At the hearing it developed that there is now about $1,000,000 unpaid taxes, the penalties on which are in some cases twelve per cent., amounting to a total of about $200,000. It is these penalties which the bill seeks to wipe out.

Benjamin Estes, representing a number of properties, appeared in favor of the bill, as did former City Treasurer Lucian Knapp. Mr. Knapp said that some of the arrears extended for a period of twenty years. The property on which the taxes were due was principally unimproved. There were spots here and there which for a time enjoyed a boom, but which were in reality farm lands assessed away above their real price and unsalable at present.

Mayor Van Wyck asked if there was not also some improved property which would be relieved also if the bill went into effect.

Mr. Knapp said that was so, but the amount was so small as to be not worth taking into account.

Suppose such a bill were proposed for the Borough of Manhattan," suggested the Mayor.

Mr. Knapp said the conditions were radically different in the two boroughs.

Mr. Gleason said: "I represent a man who owns more property in Long Island City, who has paid more taxes and more assessments there, than any other man, and that is myself. I am opposed to this bill. It has come before me year after year, and I have without hesitation vetoed it, because I believe this property should bear its just burden of taxation. I would be a beneficiary under the bill because I own property which is in arrears of taxes, but I would not take anything. It is the rich real estate owners, the men who own large tracts and hold them for speculative purposes, who will benefit by this bill, not the poor home owner who has his property paid for."

Mr. Gleason presented a table showing large increases in the assessed valuation of property in the old city. "This would be a good table for the tax assessors," he said.

"Leave it with me, and I will see they get it," said the Mayor.

The Mayor intimated that the provisions of the bill were too sweeping, and he is likely to veto it.

TEACHERS DISAPPOINTED AGAIN

Shortage in the Money Sent to Long Island City for Them.

Auditor Clare of the Borough of Queens received yesterday the wages of the teachers for February. On counting the money over he found that it was $538 short.

The teachers had been informed that they would be paid their February salaries today, and all were anxiously waiting for their money. Although there is nearly another month's pay, that of March, due them, they were disappointed again, for Auditor Clare announced that because of the shortage in the amount he would not pay out any money, and referred the whole matter back to Manhattan. It is believed that another week will be spent in righting the mistake.

Appointments to City Places.

The following appointments were announced yesterday: Meyer Bickart, purchasing agent for the Department of Correction, salary of $2,000; John Brady and Stephen N. Dowd, keepers at the penitentiary; Robert Van Buren, engineer in chief of water supply, Borough of Brooklyn, $5,000; Gustav H. Boullier, engineer in charge of the water supply, Borough of Queens, $2,500; Edward De Voe, engineer in the Department of Bridges, $1,800; Patrick Larkin and Cornelius J. Lynch, Superintendent and Inspector of Bridges, respectively, in the Borough of the Bronx.

The Margaret Clarkson Case.

A jury impaneled by Coroner Zucca decided yesterday that Margaret Clarkson, the woman found strangled on March 14 in a yard at 27 Monroe Street, came to her death at the hands of a person or persons unknown to the jury. "Sailor" Brown and the four other prisoners in the case were sent back to the Tombs to await the action of the Grand Jury.

Major Richard Allison Promoted.

Major Richard Allison, Chief Liquidator of the Seventh Division, Liquidations, of the Custom House, has been appointed Chief Clerk and Acting Deputy Collector of the Eighth (Drawbacks) Division, succeeding James A. Cryan, now Deputy Collector in charge of this division.

Archibald H. Welch Ill.

Archibald H. Welch, Second Vice President of the New York Life Insurance Company, is ill at his home at Morristown, N. J. A message received from there last evening said that he was resting comfortably.

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NATIONAL HEALTH MEASURE

New York Board of Trade Tells Why It Opposes the Caffery Bill.

PRESIDENT JAMES'S LETTER

He Explains to Senator Gallinger the Bill Would Be Inoperative Unless Backed by Marshals or United States Troops—The Spooner Bill Indorsed.

Darwin R. James, President of the New York Board of Trade and Transportation, has written a letter to Senator Jacob H. Gallinger, at Washington, on behalf of the board, protesting against the Caffery bill, which provides for the granting of more power to the Marine Hospital Service. Last November the board appointed a committee to investigate the conditions existing between the State, or local, and the National health authorities, growing out of the epidemic of yellow fever last year in the Southern States, and on March 9 the committee reported its conclusions. Mr. James in his letter says that the committee, which was appointed to make its investigation "owing to the lack of harmony of action between the local and National health authorities, and the inability of the latter to enforce its regulations," addressed personal letters of inquiry to nearly 1,000 professional men, sanitarians, and men engaged in transportation and commercial pursuits, their questions covering matters pertaining to the quarantine status in the United States and foreign countries.

These matters were covered from every standpoint, and Mr. James says that, of the hundreds of valuable replies received, only thirteen indorsed the proposition to enlarge the powers of the Marine Hospital Service, on the chief ground that it was a good nucleus upon which to build a National Health Bureau.

The Caffery Bill Obnoxious.

"On the other hand," Mr. James goes on to say, "a very large majority of the replies expressed the opinion that the National Government can never hope to create a successful National health organization based upon the Marine Hospital Service as a nucleus, because in many States the bitter hostility to the Marine Hospital Service, engendered by its own acts, is so formidable as to preclude any possibility of harmony between it and such State and local authorities. The opinion was that to give the Marine Hospital Service still more arbitrary powers, as proposed in the Caffery bill, without the obligation to consult or in any way regard the local authorities, would only widen the breach, intensify the bitterness and render resort to force necessary to carry out the Marine Hospital Service regulations.

"An officer of the Marine Hospital Service in his statement to our committee, admitted that under the conditions existing in the South last Fall the Marine Hospital Service would have been powerless to enforce its regulations 'even if it had the entire standing army of the United States at its command.' For this reason few attempts were made to enforce the new law locally, and met with success except where State and local authorities co-operated. The Caffery bill, if passed, would be absolutely inoperative unless backed and enforced by United States Marshals or United States troops.

"The Caffery bill exaggerates the importance of quarantine, makes no other provision for public health protection, while advanced sanitary science pronounces quarantine to be barbarous and obsolete. The practically uniform opinion was that the country is now ready for a law which will make quarantine of constantly decreasing importance as local sanitary administration shall be stimulated and perfected. And it was very clearly shown that any law that will successfully meet the situation and the needs of the country must of necessity have due regard for the wishes and views of the people, must foster and encourage good will, a spirit of harmony, and co-operation between States and between the National authorities and local authorities for the common well-being. The Caffery bill is the antipode of this view. It is obnoxious in its spirit, and would be more so in its enforcement, to the great mass of the American people in all the States."

In Favor of the Spooner Bill.

Mr. James then makes reference to the Spooner bill, which, he says, is in full accord with the most enlightened modern views of health protection. It does not abolish quarantine, he says, but would in time bring about conditions which would make it almost unnecessary, and the committee reported favorably on the bill, recommending some amendments, which the board heartily indorsed, and which the board understood had met with the approval of Senator Spooner and the friends of the bill. Touching on the Spooner bill, Mr. James says:

"It recognizes several departments of the National Government and every State and Territory as interested and important factors in the scheme of health protection, and gives to each a voice in the framing of health regulations, and this is done by means of organization so simple as to be immediately moved to action in emergencies. It removes friction and hostility and promotes harmony and co-operation, which are essential to the success of any National health law. It violates no principle of National or local policy.

"Our committee went over all this ground with the greatest deliberation, and although their views upon taking up the question had a decided leaning toward the proposition to give the Marine Hospital Service the absolute and arbitrary power it asks for, they finally and unanimously reached the opinion that the passage of the Caffery bill would be a serious injury to the people of the United States by delaying and hindering the broader, better, and more certain solution of the problem which the Spooner bill will afford."

In closing, Mr. James makes reference to the Marine Hospital Service as follows:

"I can only add that when I served with you in the House I had the highest regard for the Marine Hospital Service, and still have the greatest respect for it, but conditions have changed and demand a broader and more comprehensive plan of health protection, and I therefore feel that the conclusions of our committee are wise, practical, and patriotic, and I sincerely hope that they will have some influence upon Congress."

THE RICHARDSON WILL CASE.

A Nurse Declares that the Millionaire Kept Some Securities in the Coal Cellar.

The contest over the will of Joseph Richardson, builder of the "spite house," was continued before Surrogate Fitzgerald yesterday. Mrs. Hetty Green was an interested listener.

Cortes Nelson, a nurse employed by Mr. Richardson during his last illness, was the first witness. In answer to questions of counsel, he said that he had never heard the decedent say that he thought there was a conspiracy to rob him. He believed Mr. Richardson was perfectly rational.

Nelson said that Mr. Richardson was in the habit of keeping his securities hidden in the coal cellar of the house. "I saw him go down into the coal cellar once," said he. "He came back in a few moments carrying a bag. When he got up stairs he opened it. It contained a lot of legal documents, securities, and stocks. After Mr. Richardson had examined them carefully he again locked them in the bag, and at his request I locked the bag in a closet in the room."

"A night or two after I had come to Mr. Richardson's house," continued Nelson, "his son George came to me and asked me to make a daily report to him of everything that went on in the house. I was to take notice of everybody that came to the house and listen to whatever conversation went on. I was to report to George Richardson in writing."

"Did you make those reports?"

"Yes. I wrote it out each evening before I left the house."

There was a long argument between the lawyers at this point over the request for the production of these letters. Mr. Peckham, counsel for George Richardson, refused to produce but two of the letters. In one of them Nelson wrote, "Your father is more rational than he was when you were here this afternoon." In the other the writer said, "Your father still imagines that he is in London."

As to the word rational in the first letter, Nelson said he did not use it in the legal sense. He said that he meant that Mr. Richardson was more reasonable.

The case went over until April 6.

Inquest in Bowery Fire.

The management of the Bowery mission at 105 Bowery, in the burning of which eleven men lost their lives early in the morning of March 13, was exonerated from blame yesterday by a jury impaneled by Coroner Zucca. The jury found that the men lost their lives by "accidental conflagration." John H. Lyburn, Superintendent of the mission, in his testimony attributed the great loss of life to the fact that the men were intoxicated when they went to bed. He said that they could have escaped easily if they had had their wits about them.

"English Mary's" Body Identified.

The body of "English Mary," who was murdered early last Friday morning in a saloon at Oliver and South Streets by "Gus" Eckhardt, was identified at the Morgue yesterday as that of Mary A. Gasting, thirty years old, who is believed to have lived somewhere on Forsyth Street. The body was identified by Mary E. Morgan of 17 Hamilton Street, who said she was a friend of the murdered woman.

Aid Society Wants $150.

The Society for Instruction in First Aid to the Injured asks for $150 for the purpose of purchasing skeletons, charts, &c., needed for its classes in the Fire Department. Two hundred and seventy-five men are now attending the lectures, and the number could be largely increased if the society were able to supply the necessary appliances. Contributions for this object are therefore earnestly solicited, and may be sent to Charles H. Marshall, President, United Charities Building, 105 East Twenty-second Street, by whom they will be promptly and gratefully acknowledged.

In Memory of Miss Willard.

It is proposed to make The Temple in Chicago a memorial building bearing the name of Frances E. Willard, to be used not only for the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, but also for other philanthropic work. To raise the needed funds, committees will be organized in each city of the Union. A committee will be formed in this city, with ex-Postmaster James, President of the Lincoln National Bank, as Treasurer.

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